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MENZIES' DRAMATIC DECISION

Cancels Tour Because Of Grave Suez Crisis

MAY RETURN TO LONDON

Washington, Aug. 5.

Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, announced tonight he was calling off his visit to Japan and other Far East nations because of the seriousness of the Suez Canal crisis.

Mr Menzies cancelled arrangements for the flight that was to take him to Japan, Thailand, Malaya, the Philippines, and Indonesia only 90 minutes before he was due to leave Washington national airport.

Mr Menzies said in a prepared statement later that he would remain in Washington and be in constant touch with United States, British and Australian government officials on the problems arising from Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal installations.

"The urgency of the problem is such that I think it would not be proper to be too far detached from events just at present," Mr Menzies said.

Australian officials said that the governments which expected Mr Menzies to visit them had received personal messages of apology for the sudden change in plans.

Following is the full text of Mr Menzies' statement issued after he had conferred by telephone with the acting Prime Minister, Sir Arthur Fadden:—

"Having regard to the serious problem of the Suez Canal, the fact that Australia will be participating in the conference and the importance of the matter to Australia, I have decided to postpone visit to Japan and other eastern countries.

WILL DETERMINE NEXT MOVE

"I shall remain in the United States for two or three days, in the course of which I shall maintain contact with my own government, with Mr Dulles, and with the United Kingdom.

"I shall then be in a position to determine what next move I should make.

"The urgency of the problem is such that I think it would not be proper to be too far detached from events just at present."

Mr Menzies' reference to his "next move" and the fact that Australia would be participating in the London conference as influencing his decision to remain in Washington was interpreted immediately as a hint that he might go to London should events further worsen in the Middle East.

Mr Menzies has privately expressed a very strong desire to attend the London conference.

Working from the Australian Embassy in Washington, the Prime Minister has been in contact from hour to hour with the US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, British authorities, and Canberra.

He has used every ounce of the vast prestige he enjoys in Washington to impress the United Kingdom's view of the crucial nature of the Suez events.

EMERGENCY CABINET MEETING

In Australia, Sir Arthur Fadden, acting Prime Minister, has called an emergency meeting of the Cabinet for early this week to define Australia's attitude to the economic, military and diplomatic aspects of the Suez situation.

The Canberra correspondent of the Melbourne Sun-News Pictorial said the meeting would take place on Tuesday and would consider what support Australia should give Britain in any armed intervention over the matter.

Turkey today announced that she had accepted the Western invitation to the 24-nation London talks, bringing the total of acceptances to eight so far.

A Persian decision on the Western invitation to the London conference is expected tomorrow. A government spokesman said the Persian Cabinet had discussed the subject today.

TAKING POSITIVE ATTITUDE

A West German decision is also expected within the next few days. A government spokesman said last week that the government took a "positive attitude" towards the conference.

The Iraqi Premier, Nuri el Said, who arrived in Baghdad today from London, called a meeting of the Council of Ministers this evening to discuss the Suez nationalisation and to formulate Iraq's policy.

Mr David Ben Gurion, the Israeli Prime Minister, today presided at a Cabinet meeting devoted mainly to discussion of Israel's proposed action on Suez developments

The Jordanian Foreign Minister, Mr Awni Abdulhadi, announced today that the Jordan government would attend the Arab League political committee's emergency session to discuss the Arab states' attitude on Suez.—Reuter.

SOVIET PAPERS ATTACK PROPOSED CONFERENCE

Moscow, Aug. 5.

Soviet newspapers today attacked the aims of the proposed London Suez Canal conference as "an attempt to restore imperialist domination" over the canal.

The first Soviet press comments about the proposed conference to appear since the West sent the Soviet Union an invitation last Friday indicated that the Russians are likely to reply with arguments against any plans for the international control of the canal, Western observers said.

The newspaper Soviet Russia said the very fact that last week's British-French-American talks were held was an "inadmissible interference in the internal affairs of an independent State" and the Western plan for internationalisation "is thus a question of establishing foreign control over the Suez Canal."

"Unjustified"

The newspaper added: "This plan cannot be called anything else but an attempt to restore imperialist domination over this most important waterway, force Egypt to renounce nationalisation and to compel it to capitulate. It is not surprising that the British-French-American joint statement caused indignation among the Egyptian public."

Foreign intervention was unjustified because the Egyptian government promised to carry out all its international obligations.

The Soviet Union has not yet given any indication whether it will accept the West's invitation to the London conference and observers believe Moscow is probably in contact with the Egyptian President, Colonel Nasser, on the subject.

Diplomatic sources believe the Soviet Union will soon send a preliminary reply acknowledging the value of discussions but condemning the fact that such talks are based on a plot to internationalise the canal and also demanding the inclusion of other countries such as Poland and Communist China at the conference.

May Delay

These sources, however, believe the Soviet Union is unlikely to reject the proposal outright but might try to delay the talks by urging that the conference should be enlarged and that "preliminary conditions" be abandoned before she agrees to take part.

The Party newspaper Pravda, in an article on the subject said last week's London talks and the intentions of the Western powers "constitute an attempt to bring back the previous state of affairs" and charged the West with "continuing a policy of artificially creating an atmosphere of nervousness and tension."—Reuter.

Send In Warships Urges McCarthy

Washington, Aug. 5.

Senator Joseph McCarthy today called for military action to break President Nasser's hold on the Suez Canal.

He called the Egyptian leader a "crackpot and a screwball."

Senator McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin) said in a televised interview that the United States, Britain and France should "definitely" send in warships to "clear up the mouth of the harbour, clear up the canal and make sure they we have got the same free use of the canal that we had previously."

"I think that is very necessary," he added.

Senator McCarthy said he did not believe such a course would lead to war because Egypt was not in a position to wage war against any major power and asked "how would the Russians get over there?"

He said Colonel Nasser was "trying to blackmail the United States and Great Britain because we refuse to donate him the money to build the Aswan Dam."—Reuter.

Nasser Holds Talks

Cairo Aug. 5.

President Nasser continued his weekend consultations with foreign diplomats tonight, meeting the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Evgenii Kissilev, for the third time in 24 hours.

He also conferred with the Yugoslav and Syrian ambassadors.

Egypt's reply to the the invitation to the 24-nation conference to discuss international control of the Suez Canal is not expected to be ready for at least another day or two, according to Egyptian political circles.—Reuter.

★ ★ ★ ★ Iraq, Britain's Best Friend, Supports Egypt

Baghdad, Aug. 5.

Iraq, Britain's best friend in the Arab world, today lined up on the side of Egypt in the Suez Canal dispute.

A government communique said tonight: "Iraq stands behind Egypt." It said also that nationalisation was the undoubted right of any nation.

The statement was issued after a two-hour meeting of the Council of Ministers in the home of Premier Nouri el-Said, who returned from London this morning. King Feisal of Iraq is now in Britain on a State visit and is a guest of the Duke of Edinburgh at the Cowes racing week.

The Iraqi decision was a major blow to Britain. Iraq is the one Arab nation in the pro-Western Baghdad Pact, the "Northern Tier" defence line.

The five-nation Baghdad Pact has run into trouble since its inception 18 months ago. Its members are Britain, Turkey, and Pakistan. Iraqi membership in the pact has put a strain on its relations with the rest of the Arab nations, particularly Egypt, which has seen the Pact as a threat to itself.

News At Dinner

Iraq is the third oil producer in the Middle East and has been one of Britain's top allies in the area.

Both King Feisal and Premier el Said were at the dinner party in London when the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, received the news of the seizure of the Canal.

(In London, the British Foreign Office reserved comment on the Iraqi action.)

The Iraqi government declared it would "stand beside Egypt in order to ensure her liberty, sovereignty and independence".

The government communique commenting on Egyptian nationalisation of the Canal said also:

"The government of Iraq considers nationalisation an indisputable right of nations and simultaneously hopes wisdom prevails in solving the dispute."—United Press.

PAGING NASSER AND HITLER

Tel-Aviv, Aug. 5.

An announcer touched off an uproar at Lydda airport here today when he paged in turn "Nasser" and "Hitler", two of the least popular names in Israel.

Waiting-room passengers burst into laughter when the call was answered by Albert Hitler, a German-American Jew, and Rueben Nasser, a Jewish immigrant from Iran, who happened to be passing through at the same time.—France-Presse.

Going Round Cape

Mombasa, Kenya Aug. 5.

The Royal Navy tank landing ship Narvik arrived in Mombasa today after being diverted from the Suez Canal route on her way home from the Far East.

She called to refuel and take on water and provisions for her journey around the Cape of Good Hope.—Reuter.

Syrian Oil Threat

Damascus, S., Aug. 5.

Syrian oil workers threatened today to cut the only significant oil pipeline bypassing the Suez Canal if the West takes action against Egypt.

A union oil leader at Dier-El-Zour in eastern Syria called on oil workers to be ready for a "national struggle" in support of Egypt's nationalisation of the Suez Canal.—United Press.

Charged With Poisoning His Son

Palermo, Aug. 5.

Investigating magistrates last night charged bandit Salvatore Pisciotta with the strychnine poisoning of his own son Gaspare, the man who betrayed and killed bandit king Salvatore Giuliano.

Gaspare Pisciotta, the brother-in-law, former right-hand man and self-proclaimed slayer of "Sicilian Robin Hood" Giuliano, was found dead in his cell in gaol in Palermo in 1954, after drinking a cup of coffee. A medical report that he died of poisoning touched off a nation-wide sensation, and the Communist press hinted at the time that he might have been poisoned by police because he "knew too much."

The investigating section of the Palermo Court of Appeals yesterday blamed the murder on Gaspare's father Salvatore Pisciotta, who shared his cell at the time. An arrest warrant on murder charges was served last night to Salvatore Pisciotta, still in gaol for a previous offence.

THE THEORY

The magistrates' theory was that Salvatore Pisciotta murdered his son after Gaspare mentioned him as an accomplice in a kidnaping case. Old Pisciotta was sentenced to a gaol term as a result of his son's testimony.

The magistratts grew suspicious after prison guardians testified old Pisciotta watched his dying son with "inexplicable indifference" and busied himself with wiping dry the coffee cups from which they had drunk.

Informed sources said police experts found tracks of strychnine both in a sugar box on the rag Salvatore Pisciotta used to clean the cups.

Gaspare Pisciotta made headlines in 1951 when he claimed during his banditry trial that he —and not police—killed his boss Salvatore Giuliano, for five years the terror of Sicily.—United Press.

Shipment Stopped

Liverpool, Aug. 5.

Britain today halted an arms shipment to Lebanon because it was going on an Egyptian ship.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the arms would be shipped to the Lebanon "as soon as possible," but not in an Egyptian ship.—United Press.

Today's Rainfall

The Royal Observatory registered 1.9 inches of rain between 1 a.m., and 10 a.m., today, and for the 24-hour period ending at 10 o'clock this morning had recorded 2.73 inches.

An inch of rain was registered by the Observatory between 7 and 8 today.

60-YEAR SEPARATION ENDS IN MARRIAGE

New York, Aug. 5.

Childhood sweethearts Benjamin French, 82, and Mabel Smith, 79, were married today after a 60-year separation caused by a jealous woman.

French, a retired baker and widower, and the girl who first became engaged to him when she was only 19, were married in a simple ceremony at Amicable congregational church at Tiverton, Four Corners.

"Our love never faded," the smiling bridegroom said. "We simply picked up where we left off. I'm sure we'll have a wonderful marriage and many years of wedded bliss."

French and Mable Smith were sweethearts in 1896 when they both lived here. Then Miss Smith's family moved to Chester, Massachusetts, separating the two young people.

SET HER CAP

The family left behind in Tiverton a young woman who had been their housekeeper. She had set her cap for French and decided to break up his romance with Miss Smith.

The former housekeeper opened a poison-pen campaign. She sent letters to Mable telling her Ben was carrying on with Tiverton girls. Then she told French untruths about Mabel.

The hoax was climaxed when the former housekeeper sent Mabel a newspaper clipping telling of the death of a man named "B. French," who was killed in an accident.

TWICE WIDOWED

Thinking French was the victim, Miss Smith married. Her husband died and she married again. Her second husband died this year. French also married. His wife died in 1935.

The couple met by surprise when French returned to Tiverton for a family reunion three months ago.

After a three-month courtship, they decided that they would get married at last.

"When I met her again," French said, "I got to feeling like I did when we were young. When you've got something good, it never fades. It's always there."—United Press.

Time To Call A Halt

Washington, Aug. 5.

A Republican and two Democrat senators tonight called for an end of public discussion of President Eisenhower's health.

"Let us have a moratorium from the daily diagnoses, the too-candid commentaries and the degrading spectacle of our chief executive being shown in the light of a guinea pig," Senator Mike Mansfield said.

Senator George Malone (Republican, Nevada) said it was "all a bunch of foolishness to keep discussing the President's health."

He added: "We are going to nominate Eisenhower and whoever he wants for vice-president and elect them in November."—Reuter.

ELEVEN CONVICTS ESCAPE

Six Recaptured

Santa Ana, Calif., Aug. 5.

Eleven convicts awaiting sentencing used soap and hacksaws to slither and cut their way out of the County Goal last night. A convict's mother was the first person to tell the police about the mass escape.

Six were captured by noon today. None of the five still free were dangerous, according to officers.

Officers said there were several murderers in gaol but only one escaped.

"One of them was too fat to get through the narrow opening if he'd wanted to," said Deputies.

8" BY 20"

Thirty others imprisoned for felony in the same "tank" remained. The inmates, awaiting sentencing for crimes including murder, bad cheques, burglary, kidnapping and car theft, undressed, soaped themselves and slipped through an opening only eight by 20 inches into a tunnel by their "tank." They followed the short utility pipe tunnel to a ventilator shaft, dressed themselves, climbed four storeys up the shaft to the roof, and then lowered themselves into an alley with strips of mattress covers.

Captain Clyde Gathright said bars were cut at the tunnel and the ventilator shaft.

OUTMODED GAOL

"Our gaol is old, outmoded and overcrowded," he said. "Maybe we'd get a new one now."

Captain Gathright said prisoners awaiting sentencing keep their civilian clothes because they have to be available at any time for sentence or probation hearing in Court. He said the break occurred at the quietest time of the week, when four Deputies were on duty.

The first two recaptured were Kenneth McLean, 20, and William Jarvis, 19, who were spotted near the gaol in a stolen car. Shortly after another four were picked up in Compton—Loyal Biggs, armed robbery, Frank Laurel, first-degree murder, John Donohoe, car theft, and Richard Vega, kidnapping.—United Press.

Expect Bluff To Be Called

London, Aug. 5.

Jack Harris, assistant to the Director of the Suez Canal Company, who arrived back from the Canal today, said the Egyptians think that President Nasser's "bluff" would be called soon and "did not appear to mind much."

The Suez Canal Company official said: "Things are extremely quiet in the Canal zone at the moment. The Egyptians seem to think that Nasser's bluff will be called soon—and do not seem to mind much. But it will probably mean the end of him as a dictator."

Another member of the party, Mrs Volpo Pullen, said: "Most of the Egyptians seem to be content to wait until next year when they expect to march into Israel." — France-Presse.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Parliament's Work

DRAMATIC scenes, momentous events, political schisms, fierce controversies or self-interest questions are the general ingredients of parliamentary news appearing in Hongkong newspapers; but for these, Commons sessions have little to interest a distant community—even of Britons the reality of whose homeland is something of the distant past severed and made remote by the reality of the present . . unless home leave is around the corner.

It comes as a surprise therefore to learn that since the general election last year the House has been virtually in continuous session and has dealt with something like 100 bills of which about three-quarters have become acts and are on the Statute Book. The number is larger than usual, but only because the session has been longer than usual. Judged simply on the lists of acts passed, the session's work is better described in terms of solid worth than of spectacular or dramatic achievement. Thus, a Coal Industry bill streamlining nationalisation, a Clean Air Act regulating fuel consumption, amendments to the National Insurance Acts providing wider and greater benefits, new powers to control road traffic and reduce highway accidents, and financial measures to attack inflation and curb various economic dangers are all part of Parliament's less spectacular but none the less important accomplishments.

THE session closed with the setbacks to the motor car industry troubling many minds in Parliament but not apparently calling for any immediate parliamentary action that could be useful. And of even greater moment and concern are the problems that have arisen over the decision of the Egyptian President, Colonel Nasser to nationalise the Suez Canal Company. Fortunately Parliament has had one opportunity to give expression to its views in last week's debate and much can now be left to executive action —though any sudden emergency may require Parliament's recall.

Of wide Commonwealth interest is the long contention over the abolition of the death penalty. The House of Commons agreed, after lengthy debate, to the bill promoted by the Labour backbencher, Mr Sidney Silverman in June. But last month the House of Lords disagreed and postponed further consideration until early next year. In the meantime, the Government has been less rigid in applying the death penalty, possibly pending a final decision.

PARLIAMENT has given time and thought to foreign policy and defence. These debates came timely after a summer of high-level discussion in which Sir Anthony Eden and other ministers saw first Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev and later their Commonwealth colleagues.

In the sphere of constitutional advancement in the colonial territories Parliament has displayed considerable activity. It has dealt with a measure to bring into being the British Caribbean Federation; it has encouraged the Gold Coast on its advance to independent status within the Commonwealth, and it has discussed Malta's ambitions for a new status and heard a commission of its own members propose the integration of Malta with the United Kingdom.

When Parliament reassembles in October there remain a few bills to complete. And by then it will be time, after the party conferences, to try to assess what Sir Anthony Eden's Government should be putting into the Queen's speech to indicate the programme for its third year of office.

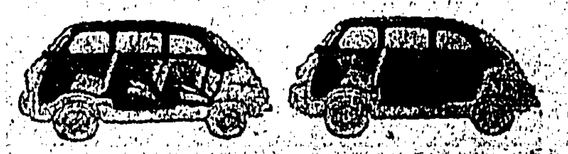
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MURDER CHARGE

Quik Bas-che, 30-year-old Malayan-born Chinese, was charged before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning with the murder of Mr A. J. Clifford in Des Voeux Road Central on Saturday.

He was remanded for three days in Police custody on the application of Detective Inspector J. S. Howarth.

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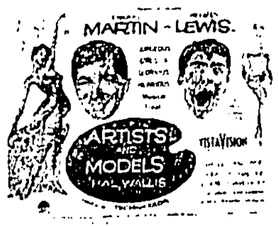
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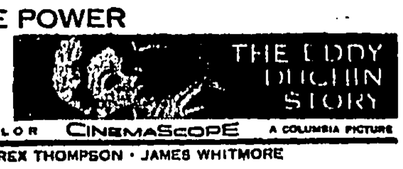


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ATOM BOMB WARNING

Scientist Predicts Premature Deaths

Calcutta, Aug. 5.

Professor J. B. S. Haldane, the eminent British Scientist, today gave warning if Atom bombs continued to be exploded for another twenty years or so at the present rate, the total number of cases of premature deaths in future generations would run into several hundred thousands.

Many of these deaths, he said, might be prenatal and there would be a large increase in chronic ailments and deformity.

Professor Haldane who was addressing a rally in observance of the Hiroshima Day to mark the dropping of the first Atom bomb on the Japanese city—commended the Indian Government's policy regarding nuclear weapons. (India has called on world powers to cease Atom and Hydrogen bomb tests)

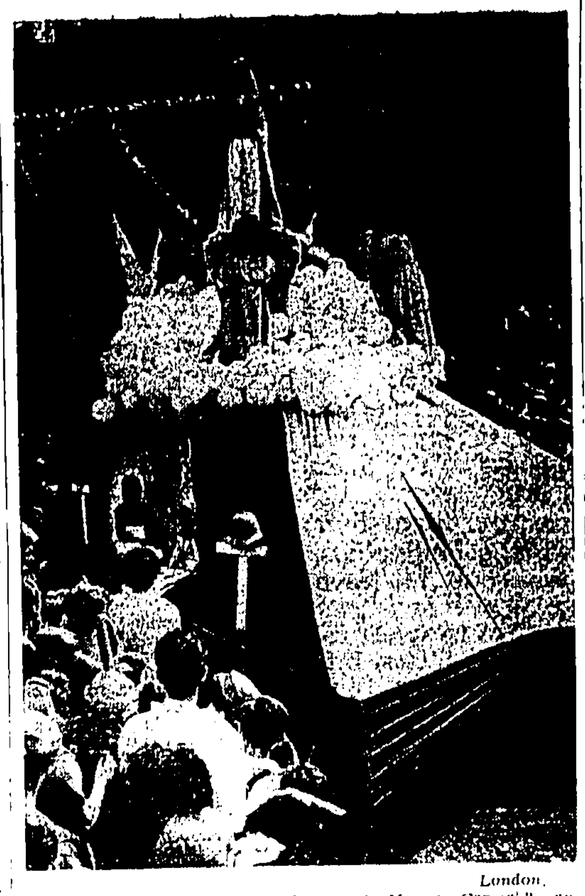
BETTER POLICY

India's policy was vastly better than Britain's or America's he said.

The danger from nuclear weapons was certainly greater in India than in England "perhaps only one or two times or perhaps twenty times."

Indian physicists had detected a fall of dust and radioactive substance in human food like vegetables but they had not yet published quantitative data, he added.—Reuter.

Italians Stage Procession In London



London.

The procession of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel," an annual ceremony of the Italian colony in the city's Clerkenwell district, was held recently. Pictured is "Queen of Peace," one of the tableaux in the procession —London Express Photo.

A Prison For Women With A New Look

Melbourne, Aug. 5.

Iron bars have given way to frilly coloured curtains in Australia's newest prison for women.

Until recently, women prisoners in Victoria were kept in a section of the grim grey-blue stone fortress at Pentridge, the state's main prison in the Melbourne suburb of Coburg.

Now, male prisoners have Pentridge to themselves and women serving long or short sentences for offences anywhere in Victoria are a community group at Fairfield, in Melbourne's rural outskirts.

'Cheerful'

The prison is named Fairlea, and its atmosphere is cheerful and friendly.

Prisoners there learn to become dressmakers, machinists, laundresses, cooks and waitresses and good citizens.

"We try for more than detention. We try for rehabilitation," said the matron, Miss K. Perrin.

"We want to provide these women with new horizons; to put them in touch with things which they have never known.

"We try to foster the good instincts in the heart of every woman."

Fairlea is a group of one-storey buildings, painted fresh white, set around a central garden shaded by fifty-year-old oaks and elms. Each of the buildings has smaller individual beds around it and outside the group of buildings open ground is being cultivated for flowers and vegetables.

Beyond are fences, but they are of wire, not stone walls, and even the wire will be hidden by flowering trees and creepers.

There is room for 100, which is about twice the number of women normally under sentence in Victoria.

They sleep in three large airy dormitories and twenty-one single rooms.

The rooms are for well-behaved, long-term prisoners who graduate to them from the dormitories. At present each of of four women imprisoned for murder has a room to herself.

The white-painted dormitories have brightly-coloured frilly curtains at the windows and embroidered bedspreads.

Pastel pink doors lead into the attractive single rooms, each painted in a different colour. Beside each bed is a small chest of drawers for personal belongings. There are pictures on the walls. And windows, open to fresh breezes, give vistas of lavender and roses.

Pale pastel-green walls and gay curtains make the big assembly hall a cheerful place.

Easy Chairs, Radios

There are modern bath and toilet blocks, recreation rooms furnished with easy chairs, radios and table tennis equipment; there are the latest-design washing and drying machines in the laundry and the kitchen has a dishwasher and an electric vegetable peeler.

There is a chapel and a charmingly-furnished eight-bed hospital and a dental surgery.

During the day the prisoners work and study. Qualified instructresses teach them domestic economy, dressmaking and tailoring. All prisoners work a seven-hour day in the kitchen, the laundry, as house maids and cleaners, in the sewing room or as gardeners in the three-acre grounds.

Although the prisoners are indoors by 5 p.m. each day, Fairlea is still a busy community most evenings.

There are weekly gymnastics and special craft classes, films are shown twice a month, a radio play is the attraction on a Sunday evening and sometimes on Sunday the prisoners produce a play-reading of their own.

There is a large and well-chosen library and at week-ends, when the women are "free," there are basketball, badminton and other games.

The accent at Fairlea is on co-operation between prisoners and staff in a friendly atmosphere.

Fairlea sets out to lift its inmates to a new standard of living and to make the prison term an opportunity for rehabilitation.

The Inspector-general of prisons, Mr A. R. Whatmore, is pleased with the way the women have responded to their new surroundings.

What More?

"They are terribly house-proud," he said. "And they are doing wonders in their work on the gardens and grounds. They are really interested."

Mr Whatmore does not expect that all the prisoners who leave Fairlea will become model citizens.

"Some of the older women who come in on drunk and disorderly charges come back to prison time after time and no doubt they will continue to do so at Fairlea. And, I expect, so will many of the vagrants," Mr Whatmore said.

"But if we can give the younger ones a chance to know something better than they have known before, if we can give them a vision of a decent future, then we feel that we are getting somewhere and the prison is doing its job."—China Mail Special.

TOURIST ASKS FOR ASYLUM

Copenhagen, Aug. 5.

One of the first 19 Soviet tourists to visit Denmark, the 34-year-old commercial director of a Moscow sports club, today asked for asylum in Denmark as a political refugee.

The refugee, Hain Nachtitz, went to the police in Aarhus, Jutland, and explained in broken German that he wanted nothing fore to do with his countrymen.

He was transferred to Copenhagen, Alexander Simchenko, director of the group of Soviet tourists, refused to comment on the matter.—France-Presse.

Paris, Aug. 5.

More than 200 of the 300 people who were injured when Typhoon Wanda hit Hangchow have left hospital after treatment, the New China News Agency reported.

More than 1,340 of the houses which were damaged or brought down by the typhoon have been repaired during the last two days, the agency said.

Except for eight, the 30,000 trees damaged by the typhoon in the West Lake area, have been set upright.—France-Presse.

SHIGEMITSU'S BID FOR KURILE ISLANDS: NEW REQUEST TO SHEPILOV

Moscow, Aug. 5.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Mamoru Shigemitsu, today conferred with his closest advisers to put the finishing touches to the explanation of Japanese territorial claims which he will present to Mr Dmitri Shepilov, the Soviet Foreign Minister tomorrow.

Mr Shigemitsu will go ahead with a lengthy survey of his claims based on historical reasons and international treaties, despite Pravda's assertion yesterday that further discussion of the territorial issue would be "fruitless" and that the Soviet Union was not ready to make any concessions.

Mr Shigemitsu took time off from his preparations to drive out to the new sports stadium in Moscow's Luzshniki suburb to spend three and a half hours watching the opening of the Soviet Union's pre-Olympics Spartakaid Sports Festival.

(Meanwhile Izvestia in an article condemning Asahi for suggesting the Soviet Union was playing "power politics" again described Japan's territorial claims as "illegal" and charged the United States with interfering in Japan's internal affairs.

Russia's Tactics

The Soviet Government newspaper said a "position of strength" policy towards Japan was being adopted by that country which after signing the San Francisco Treaty did not withdraw its occupation forces from Japanese territory and did not close down its military bases in Japan.

Most Western observers believe after yesterday's articles in Pravda and Izvestia that Japan is left with little alternative but to accept an exchange of ambassadors without a settlement of the territorial issue unless there is a dramatic change in the Soviet position.

Some observers believe Russia may maintain an uncompromising stand for some time and then agree to give Japan the Kunashiri and Iturup islands as a "gift" for the sake of good relations.

At present, however, the Russians give every appearance of being adamant in their refusal to release the territories.—Reuter.

Tough Position

Singapore, Aug. 6.

The Straits Times, said in an editorial today that the Japanese faced some tough bargaining and, like Western Germany in the end, might have to do without a Russian peace treaty.

A possible compromise was an exchange of ambassadors and some semblance of ordinary diplomatic relations in exchange for Russian support for Japanese admission to the United Nations, the editorial said.

"As the Soviet magazine, New Times, pointedly reminds the Japanese, they cannot restore their international position until the Russians let them," the Straits Times stated.—Reuter.

Indonesia Bans Imports

Djakarta, Aug. 5.

Indonesia announced today that no further import licences would be issued or applications for foreign exchange granted as a "temporary measure" to check the fall in the nation's foreign currency reserves.

At the same time, in a move to stimulate export trade, the Government announced that premiums, ranging from three to 20 percent, would be paid in foreign currency on the export value of 30 different products, including rubber, sugar, coffee, tea and copra.—Reuter.

Students Plan Course On Leadership

Singapore, Aug. 5.

Roman Catholic undergraduates from ten south and Southeast Asian countries will gather in Singapore on Friday for a six day leadership training course conducted by the Roman Catholic students society of the University of Malaya.

Mr Andrew Choo, secretary of the society, told reporters the primary aim of the course was to give Roman Catholic undergraduates a chance to discuss their common problems.

"We feel that in Southeast Asia, which is largely non-Christian, the role of the Roman Catholic university student, though difficult is very important," he said.

Politics would not be discussed, Mr Choo added.

Students attending the course would come from India, Ceylon, Australia, the Philippines, Siam, Burma, Korea, Formosa, Indonesia and Malaya, Mr Choo said.—Reuter.

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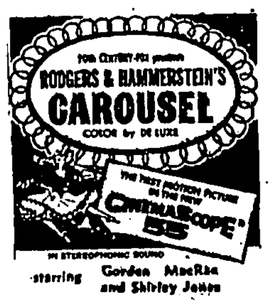
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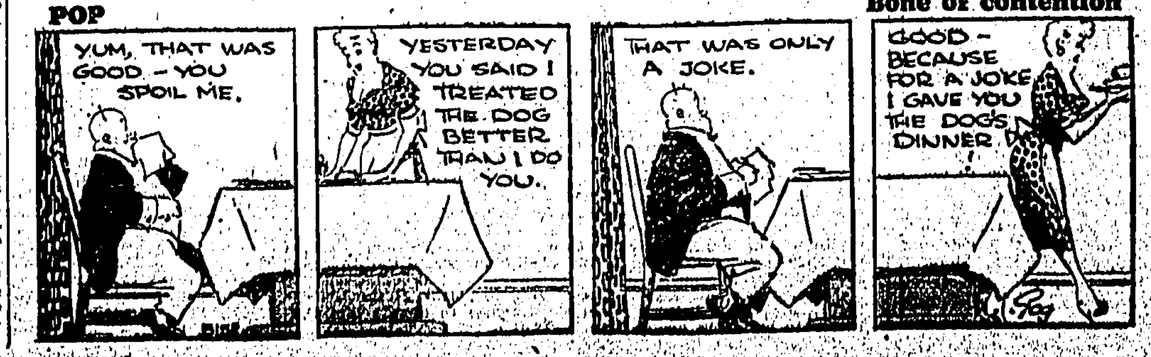
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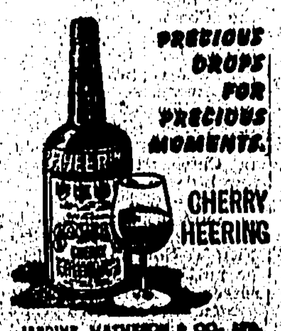
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British Families Leaving Suez Canal Zone

CONTRACTORS TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AT BASES

By RONALD BATCHELOR

Ismailia, Aug. 5.

More than 100 British wives and children of employees of the civilian contractors now operating the former British Army bases in the Suez Canal are to leave Egypt within the next 10 days.

Several hundred other Britons are preparing to move out of this tense area if the present Suez Canal crisis deepens.

The British Government had advised them to be prepared to leave in the event of the present Suez crisis worsening.

For the 1,500 Britons, including 900 women and children now living in the three main contractors' areas at Ismailia, Fayid and Tel El Kebir this was the crisis Sunday—the day when families gathered to decide whether to return to Britain, or stay and hope for the best.

Here, in this pleasant French-colonial style provincial town midway between Port Said and Suez, a number of families today began packing their bags while children eat miserably indoors instead of playing on the beaches.

Children Miserable

The children appeared to take the hardest view of all—the majority bemouning the fact that they were to leave behind sunshine, bathing and sports for the rainy life of the United Kingdom.

In a cool, pleasantly-furnished sixth floor flat overlooking sunlit gardens at the edge of town, Mr John Foden, managing director of a company which looks after all personnel working in the British army's former installations, told me today that 43 wives and 63 children had so far been listed for evacuation at the request of British employees.

This was less than 10 per cent of the total number here. Mr Foden emphasised that there was no panic and that the evacuation was taking place slowly, calmly and as a precaution.

Those wishing to go were getting passages arranged, mostly by air, though a few were booking for sea passages.

He said Egyptians were being "very co-operative and facilitating the issue to exit visas."

Co-operation

Generally speaking, those who were now going were women who had very young children or who were pregnant.

Mr Foden emphasised that none of the men employed by the seven contracting companies who operate the canal zone bases were leaving and that the Egyptian army and authorities were co-operating fully in the spirit of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement to see that all bases were properly guarded.

Many other families today were preparing to leave here within the next few days for Cairo, where passages were being booked for London.

But no one was able to say how many more passages could be secured if the majority of families in the zone decided to move out quickly.

With most berths on vessels homeward bound fully booked at this time of the year, it seemed as if the majority would be unlucky unless assistance was received from outside.

Many As Ever

Despite the evacuation plans the situation throughout the canal zone remained calm, and shipping was passing through as unhurriedly and as normally as ever.

One British pilot tonight told me "None of us knows whether the Egyptians are getting any money in dues for these vessels, but we do know that at the moment, as many ships as ever, are using the canal, and we are getting them through."—China Mail Special.

INDIAN POLICY TO AVERT USE FOR FORCE

New Delhi, Aug. 5.

The Indion Prime Minister, Mr Nehru told leaders of his Congress Party today that India's policy on the Suez Canal crisis should be guided by the need to avert force in settling the dispute, according to party sources.

Mr Nehru was addressing the Congress working committee—the executive of the ruling party which guides the Government's policy making.

The sources said Mr Nehru told the meeting the proposed 24-nation London conference on Suez should be judged from the possibility of its becoming an effective instrument to prevent a head-on collision between the disputing parties.

Party Backing

Almost at the same time Mr Nehru was speaking, the national executive of the Praja-Socialist Party, one of the three main opposition parties, meeting in another part of the city, passed a resolution backing Egypt's nationalisation of the canal.

According to the Congress Party sources, Mr Nehru said India was trying to find out whether any of the powers sponsoring the conference had already decided on a definite course and whether the conference was merely being called to secure international approval for any future action they might take.

The Prime Minister is reported to have said that if this was the case, the conference would be of doubtful value.

India would decide whether to participate in the conference when the attitude of the convening powers had been clarified.

Mr Nehru did not say anything categorical about the merits of Egypt's action in nationalising the canal but the sources said there was an "unmistakable tone of sympathy in his speech."

Symbol Of Union

The Praja-Socialist resolution described the canal as a "symbol of union between two continents (Asia and Africa) and the outstanding highway of oceanic commerce.

"This symbol of union must not be allowed to become an area of explosion the Egyptian Government should do everything possible to allay and eliminate apprehensions of any obstacle to the free use of the great waterway by all nations of the world," the resolution added.—Reuter.

Italy Launches New Ship For East

Rome, Aug. 5.

Italy launched a new liner for the Venice-Egypt route at Monfalcone today, and made arrangements for a shipping line to the Far East through the disputed Suez Canal.

Both moves had been planned long before the present Suez crisis erupted. They underlined Italy's vital interest in a quick settlement of the dispute.

The wife of President Giovanni Gronchi, Donna Carla, launched the 10,900-ton turbine ship Ausonia at the United Adriatic shipyards here. The ship, which can carry 637 passengers in air-conditioned cabins, and 2,900 tons of goods, was built for the Societa Adriatica di Navigazione of Venice in a bid to recapture its prewar predominance on the Mediterranean route to Egypt.

COMEBACK

Merchant Marine Minister Gennaro Cassiani said the launching was evidence of Italy's will for a comeback after the Andrea Doria disaster.

Cassiani said negotiations have been nearly completed to bring the Italian flag back on another route. He said the Lloyd Triestino Company is about to purchase four speedy motoships from a foreign nation to resume express passenger service from Trieste to the Far East.

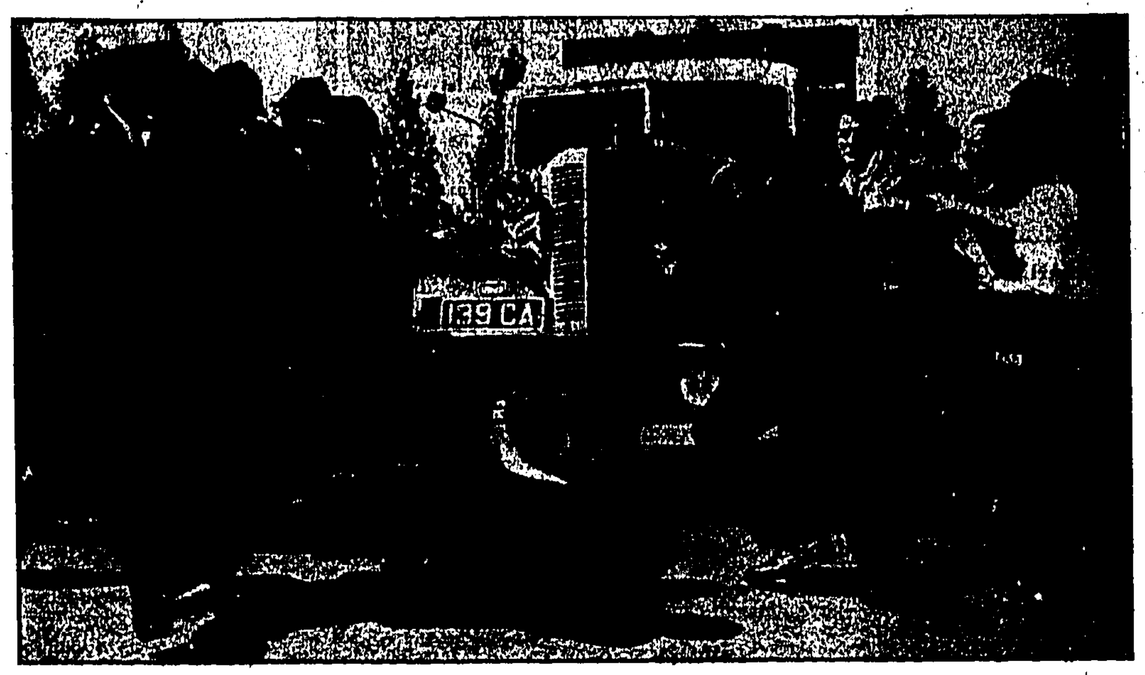
Ships on this route would pass through the Suez Canal.—United Press.

Montepellier, Aug. 5.

A man drained an artificial lake bordered by 15 cottages near here because he said the cottagers would not help him pay taxes on land covered by the water.

Mr Houghton Sawyer said the tax on the 200-acre lake was $150 (£53 sterling) yearly. He would close a dam gate and refill the lake if the people would help pay the taxes.—China Mail Special.

BIRMINGHAM STRIKER THROWS HIMSELF IN FRONT OF TRUCK



A striker throws himself to the ground in front of a lorry at the Austin car works, Longbridge, Birmingham, in an attempt to stop the vehicle entering the factory. The man was dragged from underneath the lorry by police, who had to struggle with two dozen strikers before the lorry could go in.—Reuterphoto.

Japanese Indemnity To Indonesia

Tokyo, Aug. 5.

Japan will initially offer $250,000,000 to be paid over 20 years as World War Two indemnity settlement to the Indonesian Government, the newspaper Asahi reported today.

It said Japanese Minister Eiji Wajima will fly back to his post in Djakarta on August 16 to resume preliminary reparations talks with the Indonesian Government. Wajima returned to Tokyo in early June to confer with the government on the reparations issue.

The Asahi said Wajima would carry with him Japanese proposals for a settlement in between the $200,000,000 Japan has agreed to pay Burma and the $550,000,000 promised in war reparations to the Philippines.

The newspaper said Wajima would open his "feeler" talks with Djakarta officials with an initial Japanese offer to pay $250,000,000 in reparations over a period of 20 years. It predicted, however, that difficult negotiations lay ahead before a final settlement is reached.—United Press.

Nixon Urges Moderate Approach To Race Relations Issue

Ridgecrest, NC., Aug. 5.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon appealed to America's religious leaders today to help set a moderate approach to the "thorny issue of race relations."

Nixon spoke before the Baptist home mission conference, the Presbyterian Men's Council of the Synod of Appalachia at nearby Montreat, North Carolina, and the Methodist summer assembly at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. He made the appeal to all three groups.

He urged them to help in an "area where political policy and moral ideals converge." He warned that "bitterness and tension are mounting by the hour" in the matter of race relations.

Less Bitterness

Nixon told the churchmen they can bring religious and moral ideals "before the conscience of all Americans." If ideals are fully accepted, he said, "there would be much less bitterness."

In labour disputes, Nixon said, "there are signs that the bitterness of the past has not completely gone. In spite of all of our improvements, there is still occasional violence that indicates deep and festering resentments."

The US would "benefit enormously if understanding could replace resentment, and if partnership and co-operation rather than armed truce were the order of the day," Nixon said.

In the field of foreign policy, Nixon said that "certainly the Chinese Communist invasion of Burma should be a solemn warning to those who believe that neutrality is a guarantee against Communist aggression."

He said "there is a vital difference between political neutrality and moral neutralism in the present conflict of ideals."—United Press.

Wrong Currency

Wellington, Aug. 5.

Postal officials in the South Island city of Timaru are concerned at the number of washers and metal discs now turning up inside stamp vending machines.

A similar epidemic in Timaru before last Christmas yielded about 400 washers from one machine.—China Mail Special.

ICE PILE HOLDS UP FOOD SHIPS

San Francisco, Aug. 5.

A pile-up of polar ice 37 miles wide at Point Barrow, Alaska, blocked the delivery of food and construction supplies today to camps along the distant early warning line in the far north.

Vice-Adm. J. M. Will, Chief of the Military sea transport service, said there was "no immediate concern" over the delay as a 49-vessel fleet waited for a clearance through the ice.

Admiral Will, who stopped at the Alameda naval-air station on his way to Washington from an inspection tour in the far north, said the sea lift that supplies dew-line camps was "operating according to plans of M.S.T.S. and co-ordinating services."

The M.S.T.S. ships must pass through the ice, deliver their supplies in Canada's far north and return to Point Barrow before the Arctic winter closes down on the channel. The ice usually clears away for a few weeks early in August.

Admiral Will was accompanied on an inspection tour of the scatlift and dew-line construction by Rear Admiral H. S. Persons, Commander of M.S.T.S. Pacific area, and Maj.-Gen. S. R. Browning, Deputy Chief of Transportation for the Army.—United Press.

Panama Is Annoyed

Panama City, Aug. 5.

The Government of this Central American republic is smarting at not having been invited to the projected London conference on the Suez Canal, well informed observers here were convinced today.

Panama's refusal to be bound by decisions on recommendations reached in London was believed directly traceable to this feeling that the nation had received discourteous treatment. As possessor of one of the world's largest maritime registries plus a vastly important canal it expected different treatment.

This is not felt to indicate Panama has any interest in operating the Panama Canal. There is no evidence that anyone of influence or authority has or ever had such a desire.

Higher Rent

In the past Panama's means of capitalising on the canal across the isthmus has been the request of higher rent from the United States for the 10-mile-wide zone. Efforts have also been exerted to have Panamanian businessmen gain closer access to the spending money in the pockets of civilians and servicemen in the zone.

Both these processes were expected to continue as ever.

Unlike the Suez situation, too, the Panama Canal zone is rented in perpetuity to the United States. The Suez concession was due to expire in 1968 prior to the nationalisation by Egypt.

In one sense, the Panama Canal is nationalised right now. It is wholly-owned and operated by the United States Government. While it operates as the "Panama Canal Company", all shares in this company have always been held by the US Army.

Therefore, there is no Panama-domiciled company that could be nationalised as President Gamal Nasser nationalised the Suez operation.

On the practical side, even if a Panamanian fire-eater arose to call for nationalisation of the canal there would be a decided lack of means to carry this out. Panama's only armed force consists of a comparatively small national guard for police duties. Approximately 10,000 US troops are stationed in the zone and can be reinforced from the US in four hours' flight time.

However, it was being noted here today that in talks on Suez the US is being painfully careful to establish no precedent that might be applied inconveniently to the canal here in the future.

Indications that some countries other than Panama itself might be interested in establishing just such precedents were looked on by observers as moves to embarrass the United States. There was no indication, these observers said, that such moves would be pro-Panamanian in motivation or result.

As for Panama, she now makes more money than ever on the canal. Last year the annual rental was raised from $430,000 to $1,930,000. The Panama Canal is not nearly so lucrative as Suez because of much higher operating costs.

With an annual income from tolls of $95 million, the Panama Canal does little more than break even. Suez takes in $95 million and pays no lock operators or maintenance.

Considering the complexity of the operation here, the low margin of profit and the inevitable obsolescence of the existing plant, Panama has a far surer source of income in rent than she would in ownership of the canal.—United Press.

HEUSS INJURED



Darmstadt, Aug. 5.

West German President Theodor Heuss was involved in a slight traffic accident near here today when his official limousine struck the rear of a police escort car.

Heuss was unhurt, and his car suffered only minor damage. The accident occurred when the police car braked sharply as it approached a stretch of road under repair.

Heuss was en route from Bonn to Stuttgart to attend a song festival.—United Press.

RED RETURNS

Paris, Aug. 5.

Polish ex-Vice Minister of Justice Zenon Kliszko, whose rehabilitation was announced yesterday, has been appointed Under-Secretary of Justice, the official Polish news agency reported today.

Kliszko had been excluded from the Polish Communist Party in November, 1949. He was rehabilitated together with the Party's ex-Secretary-General, Wladyslaw Gomulka.—France Presse.

After Hours Bank Opens In Sydney

Sydney, Aug. 5.

Australia's first "after-hours" bank with automation included has opened in Sydney, at the busy train, tram and bus terminal at Wynyard.

Hours of trading at the new bank are 8.15 a.m. until 6 p.m., in contrast to the normal 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. hours.

On its first day more than 400 new accounts were opened, and 205 transferred from other branches. More than 100 customers waited outside for the doors to open.

The new bank is as automatic as can be arranged, with a machine to make entries in pass books, post interest to accounts, post saving banks ledgers, produce tellers' records, and also serve as an adding machine.—China Mail Special.

POSTMEN HOUNDED

Washington, Aug. 5.

Postmen in the United States received more than 6,000 bites from dogs last year—"or more than one bite for every 20 letter carriers," the American Post Office Department announced.

A group composed of postal employees and animal welfare interests meeting here decided that postmen could best be protected by just not delivering to houses where unfriendly dogs lived.

This suggestion by the group followed recent appeal by the Postmaster-General for a serious effort to stop dogs biting postmen.

The Postmaster-General has agreed to consider recommendations made by the group, including one stating that postal employees should be educated about ferocious dogs with the instruction "never kick, tease or otherwise abuse any dog except as a last resort or self-defence."—China Mail Special.

Viper Scare

Munich, Aug. 5.

Two carriages in a train here were hurriedly evacuated as a pet viper, owned by two German veterans of the French Foreign Legion, disappeared.

The men were showing the snake—a souvenir of Moroccan service—to another passenger when it slithered into the seating of the carriage.

A snake expert called in by police later grabbed the viper as it emerged from the upholstery—and declared it harmless as it had no fangs.—China Mail Special.

LOYALTY OF GOAN INDIANS

Johannesburg, Aug. 5.

Portugal's President, Craveiro Lopez, who is on an official visit to Mozambique, received there today a delegation of Indian dignitaries, who assured him of the loyalty and devotion of Indians residing in Portuguese East Africa.

Lopez also received a delegation of three Portuguese-Indian Goans, who conveyed to him a message of loyalty from Goan associations in British East Africa.

The three delegates represented some 25,000 Goan inhabitants scattered throughout Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda.—France-Presse.

Gold Under His Hat

Bombay, Aug. 5.

A customs official arrested two friends at the docks here when he saw them change hats in the midst of an apparently joyful reunion.

Inside one of the hats he found smuggled gold worth 3,000 rupees (£225 sterling).—China Mail Special.

Love Comes In A Flying Tackle

Darlington, Aug. 5.

An English girl who was bowled over by a football player, married him yesterday.

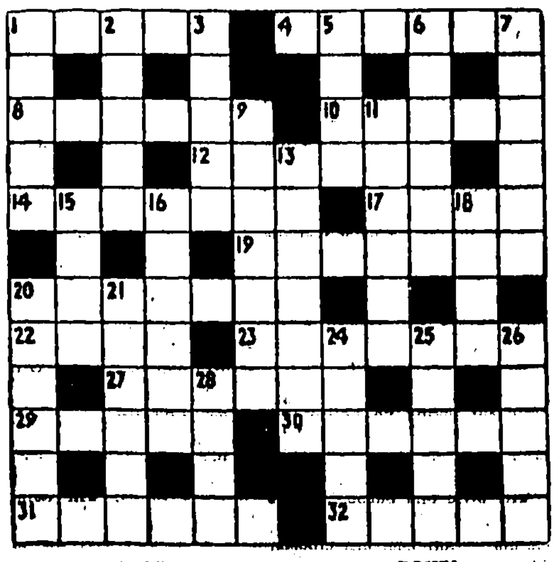
The girl, Pauline Ellington, a school teacher, was knocked down and lay stunned with a broken leg when rugby full-back Bob Wortatt of Darlington made a tackle and crashed into the crowd.

Two weeks later the two met in a bus, she in a plaster cast. He asked if they hadn't met before.

"Yes, you broke my leg last week," she replied.

Yesterday they were married at Darlington.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Sometimes found at river mouth (5).
4 Firm (6).
8 Evicted (6).
10 Islands (5).
12 Usual (6).
14 Unhallowed (7).
17 Drill (4).
19 Worded off (7).
20 Get rid of (7).
22 Actual (4).
23 Detesting (7).
27 Stopped (6).
29 Frog-like creatures (5).
30 Console (6).
31 Loathe (6).
32 Happening (5).

DOWN

1 Sag (5).
2 Lariat (5).
3 Amphitheatre (5).
5 Neat (4).
6 Vote (6).
7 Followed (6).
9 Gives (7).
11 Swords (6).
13 Venerates (7).
15 Garment (4).
16 Proved deficient (6).
18 Curb (4).
20 Spoke eloquently (6).
21 Empty (6).
24 Worship (5).
25 Foolish (5).
26 Welcome (5).
28 Requests (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Barriers, 8 Read, 9 Repeated, 11 Proposed, 13 Alps, 15 Alderman, 16 Selected, 19 Prow, 21 Hopeless, 23 Retainer, 26 Sign, 27 Dissents. Down: 1 Prop, 2 Hold, 4 Apes, 5 Ried, 6 Estor, 7 Sides, 9 Roars, 10 Petal, 12 Ruler, 14 Press, 16 Melon, 17 Never, 18 Parpd, 20 Oaths, 21 Hide, 22 Post, 23 Exit, 24 Send.



FRANK COUSINS

HE'S ONE OF THE SIX MOST POWERFUL MEN IN BRITAIN

To please this Union boss, Gaitskell would probably walk on his hands across Parliament Square

By LES ARMOUR

THE current "Who's Who" doesen't list him. You won't find him on any list of the 100, 1,000, or 100,000 richest men in Britain. He is certainly not even likely to be picked at one of the nation's "Top Ten" to figure in society gossip columns.

Furthermore, he is a member of no learned society, attended no university, appears on the roster of no great "public school." He does not even appear on the records of any state grammar school.

Yet Frank Cousins is one of the half dozen most powerful men in the country.

If he decreed it, buses would stop, trains halt, auto factories close down, docks lie deserted, meat rot in the markets.

Dominant

He can, if he wants to, bring automation to a halt before it ever really gets going. If he launched a concerted campaign, he could almost certainly send the cost of living rocketing into the stratosphere, shatter Britain's export drive, or destroy any one of a hundred great business organisations.

To please him, Hugh Gaitskell would probably walk on his hands across Parliament Square.

His power stems not only from the fact that he is General Secretary of the nation's biggest trade union —the 1,300,000 strong Transport and General Workers Union—but also from the peculiar nature of that Union. The Union spreads across the nation, enters, somewhere, into almost every industry.

The General Secretary is the one dominant, cohesive factor in the whole organisation. But for the individual loyalty of members to the General Secretary, the hundreds of groups which comprise it would have little in common.

Loyalty

Frank Cousins swept into office by a resounding majority following the recent death of Jock Tiffin, and there is little doubt that he holds the commanding loyalty of nearly all those who voted for him.

Where he leads, the membership will almost certainly follow.

Fortunately, he is unlikely to lead his members on any ruinous crusade, or to force the Labour Party to turn ideological cartwheels for his amusement —even though the crushing "block vote" of his Union could turn the party's annual conference into chaos.

At 51, he is mild-mannered, almost scholarly in appearance and in speech. He deliberates before he speaks; prefers understatement to bombast.

When he was 14, he left an elementary school in Doncaster, Yorkshire, to become a pit-boy in a coalmine. Six years later, he took a job as a long-distance lorry driver.

Burly, 6ft. 1½in. tall, he was built to manhandle great lorries over tough roads on hauls that would have killed many man.

He became a member of the long-distance road haulers section of the Transport and General Workers Union a few years after the T. & G.W.U. was founded by Ernie Bevin, later to be a Foreign Secretary.

Over the years Cousins worked his way through minor union posts until he became boss of the section. Then, on the retirement of Arthur Deakin, he became Assistant General Secretary.

He was unobtrusive, he worked quietly, and won his colleagues' respect by his ability to strike a correct note of common sense and some clear, cool reasoning to the tangled affairs of the Union and its political allies.

He lives, as he has lived for years, in a suburban villa in Esher, Surrey. He earns a modest £1,200 a year. His private life centres around his wife, his four children, and his chrysanthemums and gladioli.

On social occasions, he is relaxed and at ease; but he much prefers his garden.

Emotion

All this may make him sound dull, drab and a convert of the English middle class.

But he can, on occasion, reveal his emotion.

Last year, at the Labour Party conference in Margate, when the bitter debate on the conduct of Aneurin Bevan was on behind closed doors, he sat quietly while speaker after speaker poured out abuse and counter-abuse.

Then, as acting leader of his Union (Jock Tiffin was ill) he rose to put the case which might have decided the day. He could, had he demanded it, have had Bevan's head on a platter.

Instead, he appealed to the delegates to face up to reality. He reminded them that the party faced utter and complete ruin if they allowed the feud between Gaitskell's Right and Bevan's Left to go on. He reminded them that it was no use achieving some petty triumph of one party faction over another at the expense of a balanced policy which the voters might be persuaded to accept.

Delegates raised their eyebrows. For the Union, under Arthur Deakin, had been the stalwart champion of the extreme Right, and Deakin had done as much as Bevan to perpetuate the feud.

Balance

Tiffin was obviously seriously ill. Cousins was his almost certain successor. What, the delegates wondered, would happen if Cousins took over and steered the Union away from its position at the extreme Right?

What, indeed, if he stayed in the middle and refused to side with either the Right wing or with Bevan?

His million and a quarter votes would surely, then, hold the balance of power.

No doubt it does. And what has happened since he took over the Union has been more than interesting.

The feud has virtually died away. The solid blocks have melted and, now even the traditional contest for the party treasurership—the perennial test of strength between Right and Left—has become an open issue.

Other factors have certainly had their effect; among them Mr Gaitskell's own determination to hold the party together. But one important factor has been Cousins' avowed insistence that he will not help extremists on either side to dominate the party.

Again, when the ugly and tangled motor industry dispute [illegible] could have immediately called a long and costly strike which could have further damaged the industry. He counselled against hasty action, insisted that the men's demands must be reasonable and that no one could expect to halt the onflow of automation or demand that every man should keep the same job for life.

As the dispute wore on and the motor companies showed no willingness to pay the sacked men compensation or to spread the layoffs over a more reasonable period, he has gradually grown angrier.

Cousins was eventually goaded into strike action by the men and by the industry's bosses, but he has shown a good deal of restraint.

Threat

On the other hand, he has shown clearly that neither he nor his Union can be pushed around.

When the Government urged wage restraint on him, he said he was "not impressed." He asked the Government for an overall plan which would restrain profits and dividends as well as wages and for evidence that the result would be a stable price structure in which his members would not find their living standards declining if they refrained from demanding more wages.

At London's Smithfield Meat Market members of the Union threatened to strike after a butcher got a court ruling that he was allowed to carry his own meat out of the market. The men insisted that they must do it, regardless of what the court said.

Again, Cousins did not overrule the officials in charge of the meat porters' section of the Union despite a public outcry.

Reasons

He has his reasons. He believes that a Union as vast as the T. & G.W.U. has to be decentralised. Not long ago the Union nearly lost a large proportion of its members on the docks because the dockers were fed up with centralised bureaucracy.

He has decentralised.

But part of the price of decentralisation is often conflicting policies in various parts of the organisation — and consequent confusion.

He may eventually pay heavily for his moderation and his refusal to take firm action against abuses by segments of his organisation. So may the nation.

But Cousins is confident. And so far even a Conservative Government has had little to complain about.

They've Met! And I Was There

By EVE PERRICK



MARILYN



DAME EDITH

THAT Meeting (no connection with That Party or That Wedding and only slightly with That Baby) actually did take place—with one lasting result.

The Sesame and Pioneer Club, the slightly stuffy, slightly shabby, but definitely genteel ladies' residential club, which is the London address of Dame Edith Sitwel, will never be the same again.

You may recall that on three separate occasions, at three separate press conferences, Miss Marilyn Monroe announced that the one person in England she most wanted to see was Dame Edith Sitwell.

Dame Edith, for her part, was most happy to renew acquaintance with "that hard - working, intelligent girl" with whom she had discussed the works of the German philosopher Rudolf Steiner in Hollywood a couple of years ago.

And, I, for my part, have been acting like one of those unofficial good-will ambassadors endeavouring to bring two great powers together.

Well, I brought off the coup and was present to record it for posterity.

THEY'VE MET!

MISS Monroe arrived 45 minutes late (owing to the traffic tangle on the Ascot road) in one of her simple black dresses and a breathily apologetic manner.

She dashed through the foyer where rather more than the usual number of the club ladies seemed to have found something of interest on the notice board, into the lecture room where Dame Edith, majestic in Plantagenet, head-dress and mink jacket, awaited her guests.

"So lovely to see you again," Miss Monroe and Dame Edith greeted each other. Mr Arthur Miller was naturally present and forthwith introduced.

"I've wanted to meet you for a long time," he said, "and to thank you for being so kind to my wife when you were in Hollywood." He glanced round the room and looked a bit bewildered.

Behind newspapers or nose-deep in books a scattered group of gentlewomen was so ostentatiously taking no notice you could almost hear their eyes go pop. "Excuse me," he said, "but I'm a stranger round here. Is this some sort of hotel?"

The style and purpose of the Sesame and Pioneer was explained to him, Dame Edith adding: "But men are allowed in if they're husbands or brothers."

THEY'VE MET!

IN a lower, almost whisper-low voice she presented her nephew Reresby, son of her brother Sacheverell. "I hope you don't mind," she said to Miss Monroe, "but if he ever found out that I'd entertained you without letting him in on the party, he'd never forgive me." Mr Reresby Sitwell bowed. Miss Monroe beamed.

We all sat down and drank the Sitwell-Sesame special, gin and grapefruit juice. "The martinis here," said Dame Edith, "are not really up to the American standard."

We pronounced the gin and grapefruit just fine, and the talk got under way.

Not a lofty-browed, high-toned discussion, perhaps, but an amusing, anecdotal chat with the chief speaking parts going to playwright Miller and poet - philosopher - triple - doctor - of - literature Dame Edith. The presence of Miss Monroe was, nevertheless, deeply felt.

The Millers had passed Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace on their way. They mentioned the royal residences. Dame Edith was reminded of her first Court ball. "It was simply terrible.

"There I was, a plain, awkward girl, wearing a ghastly dress trimmed with water-lillies —my mother was for ever making me wear dresses with water-lillies on them — and some unfortunate young man was made to dance with me. I fell over doing the Lancers, right under those piercing eyes of Edward VII."

THEY'VE MET!

GESTURING with her elegant, aquamarine-adorned hands she demonstrated how the Lancers was danced. Mr Miller laughed out loud. Two newspapers at opposite ends of the room shook slightly.

Miss Monroe said she was frightened about falling over the bicycles.

"Bicycles?" we queried.

"Yes," said Miss Monroe. "I just happened to mention that I'd like to do some cycling while I was here and I guess every manufacturer of bicycles in the country has sent me one. You can hardly move in the hall for bicycles."

We sympathised and someone asked Mr Miller how his play was coming along. "With difficulty," he said. "I've been on it since 1951 but my life keeps on changing and I have to rewrite it."

He squeezed his wife's hand to reassure her that the last change, at least, had been for the better. He added that his previous play—rather, the two short plays under the title "The View from the Bridge"—were going to be produced in London in October.

THEY'VE MET!

DAME EDITH said, alas, she would be in Italy then, and issued a spur-of-the-moment invitation.

"Now why don't you both come and stay with Osbert and myself at Montegufoni? We have a lovely house there. It's near Florence."

"Florence?" exclaimed Mr Miller. "I think that's where we've just been invited for a visit. Someone, it may be the mayor but I forget, wants us to ride through the streets on a fire engine."

Dame Edith, perhaps with the picture in her mind of the Millers approaching Sir Osbert's stately castello in such a flamboyant vehicle, made an alternative suggestion.

"Perhaps you'd like to come to the reading of 'Facade' (her poem set to Sir William Walton's music) I'm doing in September."

Miss Monroe and Mr Miller said they'd both love to if they get the time, added that they'd enjoyed their visit immensely but they'd have to leave now.

Dame Edith spoke softly into Miss Monroe's ear: "Before you go, would you mind if I introduced the manager and the waitress and the barman? I promised them I would."

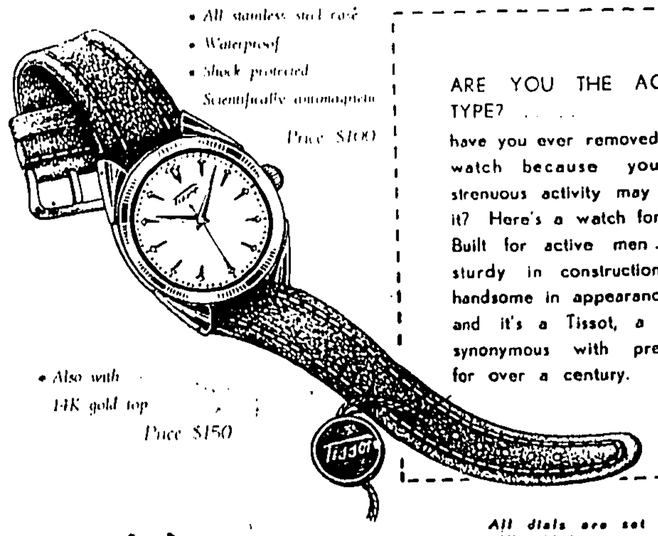
Miss Monroe said she wouldn't mind at all.

Dame Edith said: "You know it's quite remarkable. I had T. S. Eliot and Henry Moore over for lunch the other week. No one was the slightest bit interested in meeting them."

Miss Monroe turned a pretty pink with modest delight.

After she'd gone, Dame Edith turned to her nephew, but I fancy her comment was primarily intended for whoever else it might concern in the room: "You see what a nice, quiet girl she is!"

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DANISH WOMEN HOLD THE PURSE STRING

By EILEEN ANDERSON

AT a sumptuous banquet in Copenhagen the Director of the Danish Agricultural Council, Mr Niels Kjaergaard (pronounced—more or less—Caregaw) issued a command. "Tell me," he said, "what has most impressed you in Denmark."

I told him: Efficiency.

Not just the scientific efficiency in hospital-clean dairies and canning factories, egg-packing stations, schools and snowy, white-washed farms. Even more than that, the warm-hearted efficiency of Danish women. Thanks to them, the wheels of life in Denmark are smooth.

Danish women *have* to be efficient. They have complete charge of about 90 percent of the money that comes into their homes. That 90 percent has to be well spent, for wages are no higher and goods no cheaper than in Britain.

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"Value for money" is the cry all over Denmark. To see Danish housewives choose their groceries was to give my British conscience a bit of a jolt. Everything that can be tasted is tasted. Armed with little wooden spoons housewives intent on buying half a pound of cheese nibble their way through six or seven varieties — emmenthaler, samsoe, esrom, mycella, delicate smoked cheese and the famous Danish blue—before they choose.

Only the leanest bacon is worth a glance—a preference that bemused the pig farmers ten years ago. Before the war we women in Britain and Denmark clamoured for all the fat bacon we could get. Suddenly we came down heavily on the side of Jack Sprat. Producers shrug their shoulders at these feminine whims, hope our fat-hate will be permanent, and breed lean pigs accordingly.

The Danish housewife insists that butter must be packed in aluminium foil lined with parchment, for that is the way to get the best out of the 20 pounds of milk that go to make every pound of Danish butter. Once they get the butter home they put it firmly out of the light as well as out of the warmth. Dark and cold is the way to keep butter fresh.

Reporting her tour of Denmark Eileen Anderson here emphasises the efficiency she found everywhere, but particularly among the housewives.

Value for money in the meat department of the hospital-clean self-service stores means trimmings as well as meat. Bay leaves prunes are tucked inside the plastic wrappings which cover all joints and cuts. And all meat is completely prepared and scored before it goes inside its packing. Hygienic, no doubt, but perhaps a pity I thought, remembering the friendly little gossips I've had with my butcher while he scored my piece of pork!

Would you travel to another country simply to buy cheap tinned fruit? Danish women do. If they plan a large-scale party—and every party in Denmark is on mammoth scale — they go by train and ferry to Sweden, where the tinned fruit is so cheap it makes the journey well worth while. Swedish women return the compliment by going to Denmark for butter, cheese, ham and bacon.

Some years ago housewives complained bitterly that they were not getting value for money in their clothes and household equipment. The complaints reached Mrs Lis Groes, then a Member of the Danish Parliament, now Minister of Commerce. She immediately started the Danish Housewives' Consumer Council.

This voluntary organisation had a cunning plan—to educate the manufacturers through the consumers. They laid so many complaints, brought so many faulty clothes and goods into the public eye, that they have greatly raised the standard of all domestic equipment as well as clothing.

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Manufacturers now vie with each other for the Consumer Council label of quality. The Government has followed the lead with a State-run Home Economic Council which looks after standards and gives advice on individual problems ranging from taking stains out of a tablecloth to cooking a perfect pancake.

Feminine efficiency has its reward in public recognition. Eighteen out of the 179 members of Parliament are women. The Ministers of Commerce and of Religion are women. And unmarried women are welcomed as tenants of the 25,000 State smallholdings.

They farm the 25 acres of the smallholdings entirely on their own—no one, I was assured, had ever heard of a bachelor running a farm on his own. He simply couldn't do the work without a woman to help him!

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Three Trump Leads Fatal

By OSWALD JACOBY

TEN bids were needed to get South to a slam in diamonds when today's hand was played in the 1956 World Championship in Paris last January. If as much thought had gone into the play, the slam would have been fulfilled.

West opened the five of clubs, and dummy won with the ace. Declarer next led a low heart from dummy, and East took the king. East should have returned a club, but his choice was a trump.

Declarer won with the ace of trumps, cashed the queen of hearts, and led a second trump to dummy. So far so good, but now South made the fatal mistake of leading a third round of trumps. The hearts didn't break, and there just weren't enough tricks.

Instead of leading the third trump, South should have led the ace of hearts. If the suit broke, this play would get by

NORTH	6
♠ None	
♥ A 8 7 5 4	
♦ Q J 4 2	
♣ A K 10 3	
WEST	**EAST**
♠ K 10 7 6 3 2	♠ Q J 5
♥ 10 2	♥ K J 8 3
♦ 10 8	♦ 6 5 3
♣ J 9 5	♣ Q 8 7
SOUTH (D)	
♠ A 9 8 4	
♥ Q 9	
♦ A K 9 7	
♣ 6 4 2	

Both sides vul.

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 N.T.	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♣ 5

safely and declarer could then draw the last trump. If the hearts failed to break, the only chance was to find the last trump in the same hand as the four hearts.

The rest of the play would have to be precise, but it would all work. The ace of hearts would reveal the situation, and South would next ruff a heart. He would get back to dummy with the king of clubs and would ruff a club (having discarded a club on the ace of hearts). He would cash the ace of spades to discard dummy's last club, ruff a spade to get back to dummy, and only then would it be time to draw the last trump. Dummy's last heart would provide the twelfth trick.

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Heart	2 Diamonds	?	

You, South, hold:
♠K J 7 3 2 ♥3 ♦A J 4 2 ♣A 5 4
What do you do?

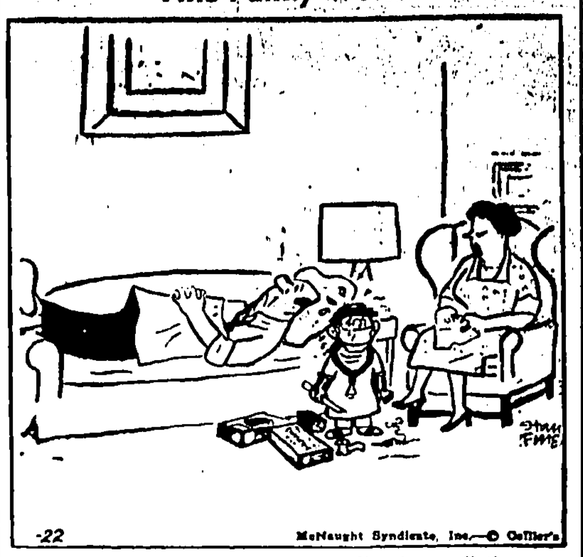
A—Double. You expect to beat the opponents badly, and you have no clear goal of your own.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠K J 7 3 2 ♥9 5 4 ♦A J 4 2 ♣3
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

This Funny World



"For heaven's sake, cooperate! You know all the child wants to do is take your appendix out!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

BORN today, you are exceptionally fond of children and seem to understand the problems of the younger generation far better than most adults. Consequently, your best field of operation will be in the realm of education. You know how to inspire children to do their best work. Fond of books, you are still not a one-sided person, for you have too keen an interest in human beings.

You have many artistic tastes but are far more eager to develop exceptional talent in others than you are in exploiting what you may feel is a minor talent of your own. Actually, you may be wrong. Your talent also may be outstanding and only waiting for proper development.

You are an idealist and your hopes run high. You have will power and determination. You will not be barred from reaching any goal which you set before you. There is only one thing which may deter you from reaching your best aspirations; you are a little too inclined to exaggerate and promise more than you can actually deliver. Your head is in the clouds. If you will get down to earth and don't talk too much about your plans until you have results well in hand, all will be well.

It is possible that you will inherit some money. That is good, for left to your own resources, you are not materialistic enough to be a real money-maker. Devoted and true, your marriage should be a happy one and your home and family life ideal.

Among those born on this date are: Lord Alfred Tennyson, poet; Paul Claudel, author and statesman; Ruth Sukow, novelist, and Zerelda G. Wallace, woman's rights reformer.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)—All those in the trades are especially favoured. You will find this an excellent day for shopping, too. Good bargains!

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)—Show your personal talents to their very best advantage today. You will derive real benefit from so doing.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)—Make all your activities lead toward some definite, explicit goal and you will make excellent progress.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)—Attend to important matters now. You can increase your prestige and probably make profits, as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 22)—This is a time when you can profitably combine social and business interests to excellent advantage.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23-Jan. 20)—If you are in retail merchandising, then you should make excellent profits today. Make the most of opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)—If you are planning to change job, then this might be a good time to make a definite effort.

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 21)—Your contacts with others, both socially and in business matters, can prove highly beneficial to all.

ARIES (Mar 22-Apr 20)—Buying and selling will bring you rewarding profits just now. Your trading instincts are sound today.

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)—There may be a new business opportunity offered to you, so take advantage of it at once.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—You may find that a business trip is on your agenda. It should be a profitable one for you.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—There is romance for you, if you are seeking it. A journey may bring you near your loved one.

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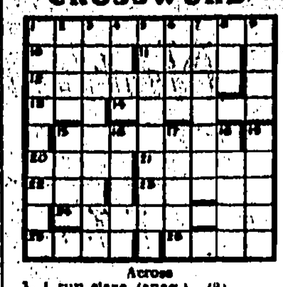
K	T	A
T	L	E
I	A	V

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names.

TODAY'S TARGET: 25 words, good; 29 words, very good; 34 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION: Aerlet astir averlet east eastor elet altrus eamet vest erust eatis fractious fest flame first fise fleet fotus felat FRACTIOUS (i.e. previsk) frost fiatte lotus east suast rhime rroet rust rustle soar sourer sourt sparis sparis sestle sesour seaut sesurf seast sirl sear sotis sefl sert sesu, stair star slir stee stles strie suat sealer surseet surf forus trles.

CROSSWORD



Across
1. A run slave (anag.). (9)
10. The river at Peterborough. (4)
11. Departs. (4)
12. Stole tam? Return it! (8)
13. Tea mixture. (3)
14. Baby may feel he is a big noise with this. (6)
16. Hysterical, maybe. (7)
20. This should keep your head above water. (4)
21. He should reach the high notes. (6)
22. The end of the slice. (3)
23. . . . the middle of the jingles. (6) 24. Starts in a mix-up. (8)
25. More than one she deer. (4)
26. It keeps well away from the West. (4)

Down
1. Describes a bachelor. (9)
2. The drink is undiluted. (4)
3. Enter fire slightly mixed. (9)
4. Change direction. (4)
5. Neat Ingle (anag.). (9)
6. Square one is mathematical part. (4)
7. Describes the evening sun. (7)
8. Lasso behold out. (3)
9. Christopher Bean of the stage. (4)
10. It has to be faced by realists. (4)
16. Legendary figure with a burden. (5)
17. Taut. (5)
18. Six-shooter two-year-olds? (5)
19. Heraldic part of the wave? (5)

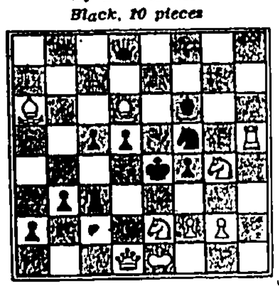
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Saturday's Solution

CHESS PROBLEM

By B. GASPAR

Black, 10 pieces



White, 9 pieces.
White to play mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1, Q—B5, 1 . . . P×Q; 2, B×P (ch); 1 . . . P×B; 2, Q×KP (ch); 1 . . . K—K; 2, Q—Kt6 (ch); 1 . . . Kt—B6, B4; 2, Kt—B5, ×Kt (ch); 1 . . . others; 2, Q.—QKt5 (ch).

WOMANSENSE

FROM BRUNETTE TO BLONDE

— A barrow boy calls me "Blondie" and I begin to get some fun out of life

By EILEEN ASCROFT

BLONDES get more fun out of life than brunettes. I know, I have proved it. With blondes very much in the news, I have a confession to make. The first 25 years of my life were passed as a serious, rather shy brunette.

The last 15 have been spent as an ash blonde. And, believe me, it has been gayer, more interesting and much more fun.

MORE FUN

The blonde has a better time. She demands more fun from life—and gets it. No one expects her to be shy or reserved. You are presumed to be gay, amusing good company. And, like the chameleon, you gradually assume the more light-hearted attributes of your golden aura.

From the first day a barrow boy called me "Blondie" I knew I was on to a good thing.

The last time I met the delectable Miss Monroe was during her second honeymoon in Japan. We were both staying at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, where blondes are so rare they create crowds in the streets.

Miss Monroe, of course, created a near-riot every time she put her nose out of the hotel. But I, too, enjoyed my own small crowd.

One girl, who shares my view on blondes versus brunettes, is 24-year-old actress Bernadette Milnes. She was doing nicely as a brunette, but she really achieved success when she changed the colour of her hair.

SUMMER PARTIES

Garden barbecues in backyards or porches are becoming more popular this summer.

Eva Melova has chosen a selection of gay barbecue clothes and sketched them in appropriate surroundings. (See picture on the right).

What are the best summer parties to give? Novelist Denise Robins prefers parties in the garden, "because people keep their voices at a more normal level. In the house guests tend to shout to make themselves heard."

Her garden is small, but "full of flowers," and she likes to give a buffet party for about a dozen. The buffet is laid out in the garden—smoked salmon, cold consomme, cold duck, chicken and ham and masses of different salads. Also plenty of fresh fruit, Continental cheese and white wine.

Miss Robins puts her piano near her drawing-room window for soft music.

Swimming star Esther Williams and husband Ben Gage have a home in Madeville Canyon, California, near the ocean. It boasts a swimming pool and a tree house. Their favourite summer entertainment is picnic parties for all ages.

"Milk for the children," says Ben, "and iced tea for grown-ups, with our own special picnic dish*."

Mrs Reginald Maudling, wife of the Minister of Supply, chooses candlelit dinner parties in the garden on a warm night for about six people.

A BONFIRE

There is a lavender hedge in her Hertfordshire garden, and she makes a small bonfire of lavender in old pewter pots—"because it smells so nice in the open."

For food there is melon, followed by a good red-wine beef stew and green salad. Then fruit, "preferably raspberries from the garden," and cheese. Light white wine is served with dinner, then coffee.

In the heart of a West End store there has started an intriguing Oriental shop full of fashion treasures from Pakistan.

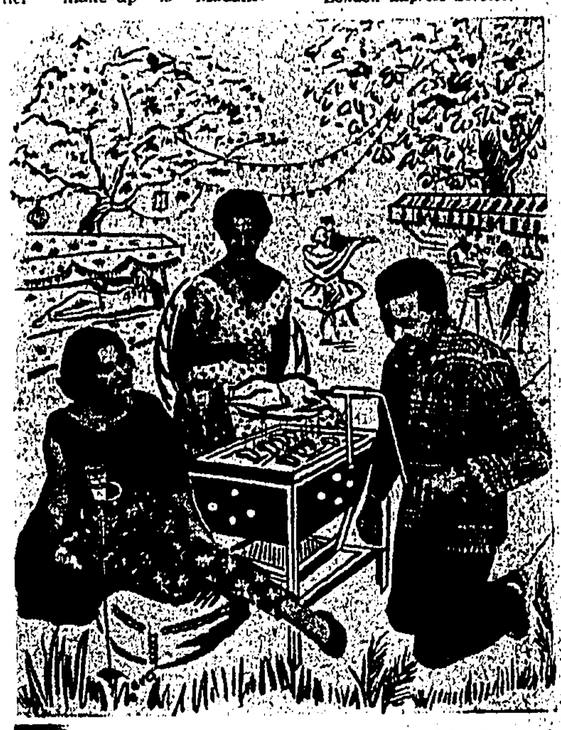
Real gold-thread saris and scarves abound with embroidered slippers and handbags worked with gilt thread and glass.

In charge I discovered Madame Vahid, 26-year-old wife of an army captain, and from her I learned something about Eastern beauty secrets.

Lots of kohl for her eyes, a light touch of lipstick but no other make-up is Madame Vahid's routine. For beauty care, just a weekly shampoo with coconut oil soap, followed by a brisk massage with coconut oil to make the hair thick and glossy.

Which brings me back again to blondes. This hair beauty treatment is definitely darkening, and not intended for ash, golden, strawberry or honey blondes!

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THE girl in charge of the barbecue wears a full skirt and matching top in cyclamen and white spotted cotton.

Her friend has chosen cotton jeans in black, patterned with tan and white flowers, finished with a black cummerbund. Her black poplin blouse has an elasticised neckline. The outfit is completed by black gaberdine "flatties" and a coral knitted stole.

London Express Service.

* *Frankfurters chopped up and covered with Italian sauce, then mixed with scrambled eggs and covered with sour cream.*

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Whoa Gets His Wish

—He Has A Chance To Exercise On Magic Road—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-about names, found their friend Mr Punch sitting in his chair reading a big, fat book. He was so interested that they had to call him several times—in fact, shout at the tops of their voices—before he even lifted his head.

"Are you talking to me?" he finally said.

Some Advice

"We'd like your advice about something, Mr Punch, dear," said Hanid. She then kissed him on the cheek. This made Mr Punch feel so good that he shut the book and smiled.

"Now, what kind of advice do you want from me?"

"We'd like to know," said Hanid, "What to do about The-Hobby-Horse-Named-Whoa."

"What about him?" asked Mr Punch.

Knarf and Hanid explained that The-Hobby-Horse-Named-Whoa kept complaining that he never went any place. All he did was to stay in one corner of the room. Even when the children rode on his back and shouted: "Look at him go!"—all poor Whoa ever did was to rock up and down in one place.

It wasn't much fun running and trotting and galloping and pretending you were going to all sorts of wonderful places, The-Hobby-Horse-Named-Whoa had said, when there was no place to go to at all — when all you did was rock up and down.

A Real Horse

"I wish we could take The-Hobby-Horse-Named-Whoa out of the playroom and let him run around like a real horse," said Knarf.

"It's very simple," said Mr Punch. "Just meet here at twelve o'clock sharp and I'll show you what to do. At twelve o'clock sharp, all hobby horses can run and trot and gallop just like real horses."

So at twelve o'clock sharp that night Knarf and Hanid came to the playroom all ready to ride The-Hobby-Horse-Named-Whoa.

"Maybe it's a good idea and maybe it isn't," said Whoa. "I don't feel much like running, trotting and galloping in the playroom. I do that all the time. I want to get out of the playroom."

"But how can I get out when the playroom is all surrounded by walls? Any way you look there's a wall! How can I get through a wall?"

"Be quiet!" Mr Punch said. "Horses aren't supposed to talk." Then he told Knarf and Hanid to climb on Whoa's back. They did so. Knarf sat in front holding the reins.

"Ride straight for that back wall," Mr Punch told Knarf and Hanid.

"But we'll bump into it!" cried Hanid.

"You won't," said Mr Punch.

Knarf and Hanid shouted: "Giddap."

Straight for the wall went Whoa.

Made Of Mist

The next instant, he went right through the wall. It parted in front of him as though it were made of mist.

Knarf and Hanid shut their eyes as The - Hobby - Horse-Named-Whoa headed for the wall. But now, feeling that nothing had happened, they opened them again.

They found themselves on a wonderful road. It rolled on and on, through forests, past lakes and along beautiful rivers where the willows grew.

In the trees in this magic country on the other side of the playroom wall, little birds sang to each other while squirrels with golden tails sat on their haunches and watched, bright-eyed.

But this was the most wonderful thing of all. Up and down the road came other horses, other hobby horses, just like The-Hobby-Horse-Named-Whoa.

This was the Magic Road where all the hobby horses in all the world came at night to get their exercises.

All night long Knarf and Hanid rode on the back of The-Hobby-Horse-Named-Whoa and when they returned the next morning, back to the playroom, they found Mr Punch waiting for them with a smile on his face.

"Did you enjoy the ride?" he asked.

"I did," said Knarf.

"I did," said Hanid.

"I DID!" said The-Hobby-Horse-Named-Whoa.



"We'd like your advice, Mr. Punch," said Hanid.

Rupert and the Fire Bird—28



Pong-Ping stops and stares at Rupert in horror. "Don't you see what has happened?" he whispers. "That fire-bird has grown big enough to fly distances. It has gone to that other tree and has set fire to the top of it! Oh dear, why did I saddle with that fossil egg? I've simply no idea what to do now! I must go and send a message to China and ask them if they know. Wait for me and look out for that bird!" "Hi, don't leave me again!" Rupert cries. But the worried little Peke has gone.

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• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE conscience of the big oil groups of the world, fragile as an eggshell, has been shocked by the latest trick of the wily old Clam of Chowdah.

He has installed 324 miles of circular pipeline, through which the oil destined for the Damphunih Petroleum Trust returns to his own territory. The Khur of Khashdoun and Getawch has, however, tapped this source of ill-gotten wealth by inserting a branch-line, which brings the oil to him before it has completed its round-about journey.

Later: The steam derricks erected by the Rifraf of Sokidm caused an oil-rush. The Jabba-Jabba Petroleum Company, first on the scene, is now the laughing-stock of the oil-world.

Financial note

THE two banks which accepted a cheque written on a cricket bat acted with exemplary rectitude. Nothing in the Bills of Exchange Act of 1882 lays down rules for the material on which a cheque must be written. An Indian, ignorant of our customs, may write a cheque on an elephant, but if a cheque is written on the side of a house it is incumbent on the writer of the cheque to transport the house to the bank, first sticking a twopenny stamp on a chimney or some such clearly discernible feature of the house. Barclays tell of a young man-about-town who wrote a cheque on the bald head of the manager while he dozed and stuck a stamp on his left ear. Luckily for the manager, who might have ended his days in a clearing house, the young rogue was overdrawn, and so the cheque and/or bank manager was refused with contumely.

Nothing doing

AN article on the precocity of modern children should have quoted the case of the burglar who looked through a nursery window and made signs to a baby in a cot to come and open the window for him. The baby sat up and said, with a frown: "Don't be a damned fool! I can't even walk yet."

Vigilant Prodnose

German Ship Orders Anger Yards.

(Headline.)

ANGER yards are unknown in the Navy, and shipbuilders have never had such an order before. If this is a secret sailing ship——

Prodnose: Obviously the headline means that German ship orders have angered English ship-yards.

Myself: Oh.

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RACE FOR LAWN BOWLS FIRST & THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TITLES STILL ON

By "TOUCHER"

Although the First and Third Division Lawn Bowls league fixtures were scheduled to officially end last Saturday, the race for the title in both divisions is still on.

Extremely game fights by Kowloon Bowling Green Club and Indian Recreation "Blues" in Saturday's matches left the two top contenders for First Division honours, Craigengower Cricket Club and Kowloon Cricket Club, almost where they were before Saturday's games.

If there was any advantage gained it was only that slight margin in favour of Craigengower Cricket Club who ended their season by narrowly edging out Kowloon Bowling Green Club by three points to two.

At Sookumpoo, Kowloon Cricket Club, failed to capitalise on Craigengower's inability to collect full points from their opponents, by suffering a worse fate of being handed a 3-2 defeat by the Indian Recreation Club "Blues".

Against Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Craigengower could count themselves lucky to get away with the three points that they did, although they were within verge of taking another point on the last head of the match between Stanley Leonard's four and that skipped by Town Kavanagh. Except for B. W. Bradbury's four, they never played like a potential champion team.

Both Stanley Leonard's and Joe Landell's fours were unable to get started in the first few heads against their respective opponents who were playing well up to form, and before they knew where they were Tom Kavanagh's and Joe Eastman's Bowling Club fours had each built up a commanding lead.

With the Championship at stake, the Craigengower fours rallied back and at the ten interval Stanley Leonard's four were only 8-11 down.

A FOUR AND FIVE

Joe Landell's four, after conceding six shots on the first few heads struck back with a four and a five on two successive heads in the seventh and eighth. They drew level at 10-10 only to concede a three and a five on the two heads before tea.

With Rene Rosselet and old-timer Bradbury playing a grand game, the third Craigengower four after trailing by 3-0 against Wally Williamson's four gradually took the lead on the sixth head and never relinquished it. At tea they were 16-10 up to narrow Craigengower's deficit in aggregate shots to only one.

Landell's four failed to make any headway against the consistent bowls put up by V. Bond, E. Liddell, John Tindall and Joe Eastman who led all the way after tea to win comfortably by 24-17.

Leonard's four made an excellent try after tea, despite being handicapped by short woods from his No. 3 and being up against damaging heavy shots by opposing No. 3 Peter Hughes. On the 19th head they chalked up a five to creep up from 8-17 to 13-17.

A two on the 20th head saw them within range of victory, but on the last head they could only manage to score a single to fall one short of their opponents' score. Bradbury's four held on to their lead after tea and finished up with a 28-12 score to comfortably carry their side through to a 3-2 win.

CLOSER AFFAIR

The match between the IRC "Blues" and KCC was a much closer affair. Just after tea, KCC seemed to be in a fine position for a 4-1 win. Although they lost a seven to A. H. Seemin, A. R. A. Rahman, M. B. Hassan and O. R. Sadick, Hong Sling's KCC four, thanks to some fine bowling by the skip himself gradually wiped out their 3-8 deficit and on the 13th head were 15-8 in the lead.

Gaffney's four led all the way until 11-6 on the 10th head when they gave away a four and a single but still held on to a 13-11 lead on the 13th head.

Playing against the IRC four of B. M. Omar, A. M. Omar, J. Hossen and I. Ali, the KCC four of S. Y. Doe, A. M. Alves, E. R. Rosselet and F. R. Kermani toiled hard against superior odds and were only 8-13 down on the 13th head.

The landslide, however, came in the last eight heads. I. Ali's four, who collected a six on the 17th head and a four on the last head ended up with a 26-13 win over Kermani's four to give the Indian's their 3-2 win. Sadick's four also played an important part in the side's win by scoring nine shots against their opponents' five on the last eight heads to hold Hong Sling's four to a narrow 20-17 win.

LOOKED WORSE

For the KCC, things looked worse when A. R. Kitchell's four drew level with Gaffney's four at 10-10 on the 18th head and went on to lead by 17-10 on the next head. A three by the KCC four on the 20th head, however, gave their supporters a sigh of relief. A single by them on the last head gave them their second valuable point of the afternoon.

One aspect of the first division league, however, was decided on Saturday. Filipino Club are the wooden-spoonists this season as a result of the 5-0 win scored by Indian Recreation Club "Gold" over Taikoo. They will therefore go down to the second division next year.

In the third division, Kowloon Bowling Green Club not only prevented the title from going to Hong Kong Police Sports Association on Saturday, but also kept themselves in the running by defeating the custodians of the law on their own green by 4-1.

The KBGC bowlers got a little lost on the tricky Boundary Street green on the first few heads, but once they started blocking the straight hand they had matters much their own way on two rinks.

The HKPSA bowlers have now completed their fixtures and are at the moment at the top of the league table with 49 points. Filipino Club, who took four points from KCC on Saturday, are now next on the list with 45 points and one match to go and that is against the KBGC. They must take five points from this game to win the Championship.

The Bowling Club, too, have a reasonable chance of annexing the title. With two matches more to go—one against the Filipino Club and the other against CCC they need only seven points to overtake HKPSA.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
CCC	14	11	3	49
KCC	12	9	3	42
IRC "Blues"	13	8	5	39
Recreio	13	8	5	36
KBGC	13	6	7	32½
Taikoo	14	5	9	28
IRC "Gold"	13	3	10	19½
FC	14	3	11	19

Second Division

KDC "Blues"	12	12	0	54
HKFC	13	8	5	44
USRC	13	9	4	40½
Recreio	13	8	5	38
KCC	12	7	5	36
CCC	12	7	5	34
PRC	13	5	8	28½
KDC "White"	13	4	8	23½
HKCC	13	5	8	22
FC	13	3	10	14
POC	11	1	10	10½

Third Division

HKPSA	14	10	4	49
FC	13	10	4	45
KBGC	12	9	3	42½
CCC	13	8	5	39½
HKFC	14	6	8	35½
HKERC	14	5	9	27½
KCC	14	4	11	16½
PRC	14	3	11	14½



JIM LAKER

RUMPUS IN CRICKET

Nothing Should Be Considered A More Urgent Duty . . .

Says J. L. MANNING

Nothing should be considered a more urgent duty of the Chairman of the Board of Control of Test Matches at Home than that he should issue a statement saying England are not cheating the Australians this summer.

I do not think they are, but clearly there are circles where I should be in a minority.

Nor do I think the chairman will accept my advice. For cricket authorities are lordly mystics who rarely dispatch Black Rod to summon the common people like you and me for public explanation on delicate matters.

And delicate, indeed, is the situation which causes many people to wonder whether at Leeds and at Manchester the pitch blurted out too early its loyal support for our match-winning spinners. And so gave the Australians a greater excuse for losing the Ashes in 1956 than in 1933—the body-line tour.

The difficulty is that no one seems to know who is the Chairman of the Board. It meets only twice a year, and all I can do is to recall that at the last meeting in March the Chairman was Earl Alexander of Tunis.

It is quite ridiculous that the Board occasionally should deal with a vast variety of subjects, including distribution of profits, boundaries, screens, hotel expenses, and the insurance of players, yet never concern itself with the vital topic of Test pitches.

LOCAL OPTION

This is left to local option. It is in these conditions of *laisser faire* that the present suspicions have arisen.

The evidence of cricket commentators, which I give in the adjoining columns shows clearly that England's reputation for honest dealings in cricket has been compromised by rumour, if not by fact.

So what are the facts? Both at Leeds and at Manchester the English selectors left out fast bowlers in favour of a spin attack supported by long batting. They were right to do so, because at Leeds the wicket broke up at the beginning of the second day and at Manchester was taking spin at the end of the first.

This is not in accordance with the known peculiarities of these wickets. Last summer South Africa scored 521 for 8 declared, taking second knock at Manchester, and at Leeds England scored 500 in a third innings.

Why this year are wickets not built to last at least until a second innings? I know wicket-preparing is not an exact science. Groundsmen are not turf accountants. But certainly the Australians can complain that the wickets on which they have played in this series, with the exception of Lord's have invalidated fast bowling on which their attack originally was based, and enhanced the value of spin, in which they are deficient.

The arm of coincidence is long but the responsibility of executives of grounds where Test matches are played should not be short.

I can tell you that although England were cock-a-hoop because of their good start at Manchester there was undisguised embarrassment among the players because of the way the pitch was playing.

SOME GAMESMANSHIP

Either these wickets have been prepared subconsciously with concern for the welfare of Lock and Laker, or there has been some gamesmanship which must now be explained away.

I am tempted to make these remarks in the light of a published statement by the Old Trafford groundsman, who is the agent for the Manchester ground executive.

He was reported to have said: "I made a mistake . . . but the suggestion that I prepared the pitch under instructions is nonsense."

Why were there no instructions? Is a Test match to be left to whims and fancies? Are we to have a Board of Control which doesn't control?

Cricket groundmanship has become a game of contract bridge. Conventional calls are made unrelated to the number of tricks expected or in the suit most fancied.

It is not an easy matter to bring the subject of cricket pitches down to earth.

If the policy has been to liberate pitches so that they have become natural, why, then, it is natural to reduce Tests from five to three days, provided three full days are guaranteed.

However Australian criticism of English wickets ought not to exclude recollection of what has happened in Australia when their fast bowlers were always well served.

I am not forgetting that the Australians, too, have their gamesmen. Last time at Brisbane the groundsman was a long way off with the advice he gave. The Melboure groundsman even had secretly to water his pitch on Sunday and his executive subsequently watered down their explanations of what had happened.

Finally I say this to give a deserved balance to the debate. The Australians have been a poor side from the start of the tour. Indeed this is what I wrote on June 10, after the third day's play in the first Test:

Thus early in the series there are no signs that the Ashes will leave England at the end of the summer. If we don't win the first, we surely shall win the majority of the other four.

PARTIAL RECOVERY

The rise in Australian morale after their win at Lord's and the partial recovery of some of their injured players was hailed, then destroyed at Leeds.

At Manchester they played as if all Heaven and Earth were G.O. Allen's surprise and invincible selections.

The one dominating factor was that on each occasion they were given a bad pitch and one whose shortcomings favoured England—whichever side won the toss. That is why a statement is needed to convince the public all is well, and that the Australians have told England they have no grievance but only disappointments. If that is how they feel, which I doubt.

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SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

Henry Cockburn Goes Non-League And Gets More Money

By W. CAPEL KIRBY

By joining non-League Peterborough United Henry Cockburn will be earning considerably more in the autumn of his career than when he performed so creditably in star-studded England and Manchester teams.

Cockburn, one of ten Peterborough close-season signings aimed at testing the new 8,000 capacity stand, is virtually starting workaday life anew at £25 a week. His footballing wage is £15, the maximum for League players, plus a promised outdoor job which could boost his weekly budget by a further £10.

Small wonder non-League clubs continue to increase their lists of Soccer personality captures such as Tommy Deans to Boston from Notts County, Harry Leyland and Ronnie Saunders forsaking Goodison Park for Tonbridge.

Peterborough have a playing staff of 31 with all recognised first team players on top wages. Compare this with Crewe Alexandra whose playing resources and wage bill have been pruned to the barest minimum.

The other week Crewe couldn't pay Port Vale the bargain basement price asked for inside-forward Tom Conway who may yet solve Ronnie Stuart's problem at Scunthorpe.

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Because Eddie Baily is going into business partnership with an in-law Port Vale have given him permission to continue living in London and training with Leyton Orient.

IT'S SUPER

At Sandwich, Norman von Nida told me of a first-class opportunity for our golfers to combine business with pleasure by enjoying Olympic thrills and competing in a super-professional tournament in Melbourne.

Prize money amounts to £10,000 with £5,000 for the winner. "I'm hoping it will attract not only the established stars, but up-and-coming players like Peter Allis," said von Nida.

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Eventful season coming up for Grimsby director George Pearce—promotion, completion of 50 years on the board and a Lincolnshire FA meritorious medal.

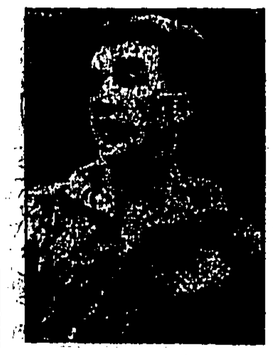
Luton will have a fitter and fleeter Jimmy Adam on their right wing next term. Last season's ill-find out form was due to tonsil trouble which has since been removed. Adam was under review by Scottish selectors at the same time as clubmate Mike Cullen secured their vote.

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Spurs manager Jimmy Anderson signed centre-forward Gordon Warrington from Belper without ever seeing him kick a ball. "Gordon's 64 goals in Central Alliance football last season and the recommendation of former Spurs winger, Colin Lyman, were good enough for me," said Mr Anderson.

GOAL-GETTER

But for Frank Lord's broken leg and National Service Rochdale could have banked a five-figure cheque for his transfer to any of half-a-dezen First



HENRY COCKBURN

Division clubs. Burnley, amongst others, will be interested to hear that the big goal-conscious centre-forward is due for demob in November.

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Notts County goalkeeper Gordon Bradley has reported for Soccer duty at Meadow Lane but will not be training with his colleagues next week. He will be competing in the Professional Lawn Tennis Championships at Scarborough.

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Because of the muscular breakdown of 19-year-old David Sime, Scotland has been robbed of reflected glory from a possible Olympic Gold Medal. This world's sprint record holder is of Scottish descent and was automatically excluded from America's Olympic team through being unfit for the trials.

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I understand latest reports on the injuries sustained by Bedford Jezzard on the FA tour have caused grave concern at Fulham. Jezzard, Johnny Haynes and former Craven Cottage colleague Len Quested, of Huddersfield, are homeward bound by boat due this week.

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Kent have £32,000 salted away to spend on establishing eight cricket schools in the county. The money belongs to the Association of Kent Cricket Clubs (chairman, ex-county skipper Brian Valentine), who are ready to release it as soon as they get the word.

FOR PRESTON?

Who succeeds Frank Hill as manager of Preston? North of the border rumour has it that Willie Thornton, former Rangers centre-forward could be talked into leaving Dundee. Actually, Willie is very happy at Dens Park, but we'll see.

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Sir Winston Churchill could never be persuaded to sell the rare and valuable golden orfe in his gold fish collection. This fact should be of special interest to Birkenhead angler John Dawkins who recently hooked a 2lb. 2oz. specimen now swimming in his brother's ornamental pond. There's gold in them thar Wallasey clay pits.

LAWN TENNIS

Aussie Wins U.S. Junior Singles Title

Kalamazoo, Michigan, Aug. 5.

Rod Laver, 17-year-old, red-haired tennis flash from Brisbane, Australia, today won the US Junior singles title, defeating Chris Crawford of Piedmont California, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

Ray Senkowski of Hamtramck, Michigan, won the National boys' title, whipping Charles McKinley of St. Louis 7-5, 6-2.

Laver, a dynamic, wiry little southpaw, outclassed Crawford in the title match.

The Aussie had no obvious weaknesses in his game. His service, volleying and overhead were superb, his ground strokes adequate. — United Press.

Louise Suggs Wins

Chicago, Aug. 5.

Louise Suggs of Sea Island, Georgia, captured Tad O'Shanter's "All American" tourney for women pros for the third time today, shooting a three under par 73 on the final round for a total of 301 for 72 holes for the $1,000 top prize.

German Driver Wins Motor Race For Improved Sports Cars

Adenau, Aug. 5.

Before the Grand Prix at the Nurburging track here today, German driver Hans Hermann, in a Porsche, won the race for improved sports cars up to 1,500 c.c. in one hour, 13 minutes and 26.6 seconds, with an average speed of 130.800 kilometres per hour, for the distance of 169.670 kilometres.

Britain's Stirling Moss in a Maserati, was second in this race, and Salvadori, also of Britain, was third in a Cooper.

Gottfried Koechert of Austria, driving a Porsche Spyder, won today's race for sports cars up to 1,500 c.c. by covering the 169.67 kilometres in one hour, 18 minutes, 26.2 seconds, at an average speed of 122.2 kilometres per hour.

In second place was William Buff of the United States, driving a Porsche Spyder, and in third place was Germany's Josef Jeser, also driving a Porsche Spyder.—France-Presse.

RUSSIAN OLYMPIC TRIALS OPEN WITHOUT ANY WORLD RECORDS

Moscow, Aug. 5.

The Spartakiad of the Soviet people — Russia's Olympic trials — opened here today without the world records for which the Russians were hoping.

Best performances in the opening programme of the seven-day-long sports festival were two new Soviet records, by Vladimir Kuts in the 10,000 Metres and by an 800 Metres team.

Kuts clipped 1.4 seconds off his own 10,000 Metres mark by winning the event today in 28 mins. 57.8 secs on a heavy track. But he was running virtually without opposition and was unable to approach Sandor Iharos's world's best of 28 mins. 42.8 secs.

The four times 200 Metres relay team of Tukarev, Sukhareb, Ignatyev and Bartenev clocked one min. 24.7 secs. compared with the previous Soviet best of one min 25 secs. the world record for the event is one min 24 secs.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Mr Nikita Khrushchev and other Soviet leaders came to the vast new Lenin Stadium, which seats 100,000 people, to watch the athletics and the colourful mass physical culture and gymnastics displays.—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Lawn Bowls

Men's Open Singles Quarter-finals Championship at 5.15 p.m.

Valley Shield: PRC v. HKFC at PRC at 4 p.m.

Golf

Flag Competition, Shek-O.

TOMORROW

Tennis

Men's "B" Division: RAF v SCAA; HKU v USRC; Recreio v CRC (1); HKCC v CCC (2); Urban Council v CCC (1); CCSRC v LRC; RTGCA v CRC (2).

Meetings

Executive Committee, HKBA, Room 330 Alexandra House, 5.30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting, HK Football Referees Association at EYMCA, 7.45 p.m.

Water-polo Committee Meeting of HKASA, at Seacoon Banking Corp, Holland House, 5.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bowls

Ladies Open Singles Championships: Matches at HKCC, KCC, KBGC, USRC and RDC.

Swimming

RAOC v COD Annual Swimming gala at Victoria Pool, 2.30 p.m.

MALAYAN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

It's Indonesia Versus Malaya Affair In Women's Doubles Final

Singapore, Aug 5.

India faded out of the picture in the 14th Malayan Open Badminton Championships tonight when their last hope in the Men's Doubles, Nandu Natekar and G. Hemmady were beaten by the Selangor pair, Abdullah Piruz and Mok Yat-wah 7-5, 7-15 in the semi-finals.

It was Natekar's second defeat of the year.

Ong Poh-lim who will be playing his last Men's Singles in the Malayan Championships will meet the Indonesian Champion, Eddy Yusuf in the finals.

Miss Yang Wing-ching, an Indonesian girl, entered the finals of the Women's Singles with a walkover from her team mate, Miss Tjoe Sioe-kim.

Miss Yang's opponent will be Miss Tan Gaik-bee, the Malayan schoolgirl champion, who beat Miss Oei Lin-nio 11-7 11-4 tonight.

Both Miss Yang and Miss Tan also entered the Women's Doubles finals, thus making the two Women's events a Malaya versus Indonesia affair.

Miss Yang and Miss Oei Lin-nio will meet Miss Tan and Miss Helen Heng in the Women's doubles final tomorrow.—Reuter.

Norwegian Record

Oslo, Aug. 5.

Norway's young sprinting hope, Bjoern Nilsen, today equalled the Norwegian national record for the 100 Metres, when he clocked 10.4 seconds.

Nilsen was competing in the Norwegian Junior Athletics Championships in Oslo.—France-Presse.

Williams Again Clocks 10.1 For 100 Metres

Berlin, Aug. 5.

The International Military Athletic Championships held on the magnificent Berlin Olympic track produced a series of sensational sprints, a new world record and today a battle of giants between two American cracks, Willy Williams and Ira Murchisson.

On Friday, Williams beat the world record, which had stood at 10.2 second for the 100 Metres since Jessie Owens first ran that speed at the Berlin Olympics in 1936.

Williams performance was in a heat. In another heat, Murchison had won in 10.3 seconds.

On Saturday, Murchison won a semi-finals heat in 10.1 seconds and joined Williams on the pinnacle of sprinting glory. Williams won the other semi-final in 10.3 seconds.

Today the clash between the two men in the final brought a third 10.1 seconds performance. Williams won in this time, beating Murchison, second in 10.2 seconds.

Khaliq of Pakistan was third in 10.4 seconds, Lissenko of France fourth in 10.5 seconds, and Cahen of France fifth in 10.6 seconds.—France-Presse.

The following were results of events in the International Military Athletics championships:

High Jump:

1. Riggins (U.S.) 1,905 metres.
2. Field (U.S.) 1.905 metres.
3. Van Kleess (Netherlands) 1.88 metres.

400 Metres

1. Griffith (U.S.) 47.1 seconds.
2. Degats (France) 47.9 seconds.
3. Syllis (Greece) 48.6 seconds.

200 Metres

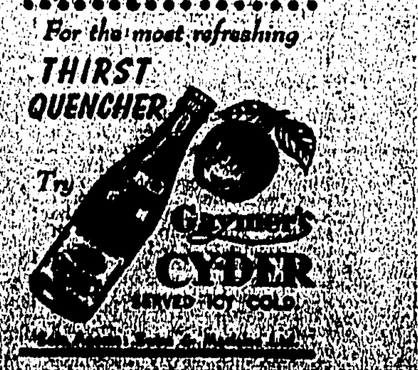
1. Pratt (U.S.) 21.1 seconds.
2. Glaze (U.S.) 21.4 seconds.
3. Khaliq (Pakistan) 21.4 secs.

1,500 Metres

1. Zellers (U.S.) 3 minutes, 52.6 seconds.
2. Constadinidis (Greece) 3 mins, 53.2 secs.
3. Bothm (U.S.) 3 mins, 54.4 seconds.—France-Presse.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby





I HAVE MY SAY

No Olympic Medals For This Marathon Mud-Slinging

By HARRY CARPENTER

You could make out a good case for calling this year's sporting endeavours in Melbourne the Olym-pique Games.... My dictionary defines pique as: ill-feeling, irritation, resentment.

Now study the unbelievably childish tantrums being thrown by the International Olympic Committee and the Australian organisers of the Games over the Duke of Edinburgh.

The ill-feeling starts when Australian newspapers carry reports that the Melbourne Organising Committee are angry over a new Olympic protocol ruling.

This merely says that the guest of honour who opens the Games, in this case the Duke of Edinburgh, will be welcomed at the stadium entrance instead of in the centre of the arena.

No question of luring the Duke from the Game , as some reports might lead you to think

REASON?

Reason for the new rule? The IOC believe "spectators have come to see the athletes and not committees. We have, therefore, removed all committees, including ourselves, from the field."

Next comes the irritation . . . the IOC read the Australians' criticism of their ruling and don't like it.

So, from their Swiss headquarters at Lausanne IOC Chancellor Otto Mayer comes up with this pleasant little bit of badinage:

"Because the IOC was kind enough to permit wholesale violation of its rules in order to save for Melbourne the Olympic Games -which should have been moved because of confusion, deficiencies, dissensions, neglect, squabbles, procrastination, opportunism, and wretched petty jealousies—the Australians seem to think they can violate all Olympic rules and do as they please."

Furthermore, says Mr Mayer, the secretary of the Melbourne organising committee, Mr Edgar Tanner, is guilty of a "total lack of courtesy" in airing his grievance in the press instead of taking it to the IOC.

THEY KNOW

Stand by for **resentment** . . . Mr Tanner replying: "Mayer must have had a bad day at the races, or his football team must have been beaten. Australia know how to conduct Olympic Games. We were taking part in them before Mayer was born."

May I remind you at this boiling point just why Mr Tanner and Mr Mayer are slanging each other? It's because the Duke of Edinburgh is going to be welcomed at the entrance to the Olympic Stadium instead of in the centre field.

What an unsavoury business.

The only person to come out of it with any credit is Lieut.-General William Bridgeford, chief executive for the Games.

He sums up my own feelings to perfection when he comments: "These sort of statements, whether true or false, do no good.

"I have only one object, and that is TO GET ON WITH THE GAMES."

TALKING LEGS

Less than two weeks ago, British athletics officials approached Gordon Pirie: "Why not have one of our doctors check up on that suspect leg, just to see whether it will be really sound for the Olympic Games?"

The suggestion was not heeded. The sometimes-garrulous Gordon has let his running do the talking for him.

First, that exhibition half-mile at Plymouth in 1min. 56 7-10ths and, on Saturday, his 4min. 2.2 sec. mile at Croydon, his fastest and the best in Britain this season.

Instead of having doctors examine the Pirie pins, British selectors had better get down to serious thinking about what these famous limbs are going to be asked to do at Melbourne.

Apart from his nippy Mile, the Pirie legs have this season churned out a personal best at 1,500 Metres, equalled the world record at 3,000 Metres, broken it at 5,000 Metres and recorded the fastest time in Britain at 10,000 Metres.

THIRD-LARGEST

But whatever his appointed task, you can write in Pirie's name now as one of 225 men and women likely to comprise Britain's Olympic squad, at 15 sports.

Originally the plan was to send 150 competitors at a cost of £75,000. But the public appeal for funds has been so successful that £100,000 is already in the kitty.

Another £25,000 is needed to meet the new proposal, which would give us the third-largest visiting team at Melbourne.

I hope all those who have contributed their humble bob or tanner (no, not you, Edgar) are prepared for slim recompense in the way of gold, silver, or bronze.

For instance, colleague Pat Besford tells me we shall be represented in Melbourne's sun-warmed water by 17 swimmers, five divers, and nine water-polo players.

The most we can hope for from those 31 competitors is, perhaps, three medals . . . metal unspecified!

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NEW WORLD SPEED RECORDS



Ten new racing car world speed records were set up recently in the 500 c.c. and 750 c.c. classes by Italian drivers Thielo, Della Beffa, Poltronieri, Fraccari and Catini. Picture top shows Della Beffa in the new 500 c.c. An Abarth during one of the record-breaking runs; pictured bottom is Poltronieri, also in an Abarth, before the start of a speed bid.—Express Photo.

Robert Robinson's Showtalk

ENGLISH GIRLS ARE SO TIMID, SAYS HANDSOME RUSSIAN SINGING STAR

A serious lot, these Russians. Backstage at the Empress Hall—where a Russian Army contingent is providing London with the best singing and dancing any Londoner has ever seen—silent, strenuous gymnastics are the order of the day.

Short gentlemen in Russian uniform are grimly knees-bending in the corridor. Several are using old benches for press-ups, some practise high kicks against the wall, and one red-faced, red-capped Muscovite is managing to blow strenuously down a trombone without emitting a sound.

But the most dedicated group of all clusters round one of the back-stage exit-doors.

For against this door is hung a dart-board.

Heavy breathing is the only sound to interrupt the steady plink-plonk of the darts. And the frowning concentration of the comrades suggests a party meeting.

"English women?" queries one, tearing himself reluctantly away from the board. "Oh, yes. Just the same as in Russia. All women all over the world exactly the same. But darts...."

I judge that if the bobby-soxers who cluster round the stage door after the show each night want th: comrades to date them, a knowledge of darts will be an open-seame.

"Darts are unknown in Russia," exclaims solemn Artur Eisen, 29-year-old private from Moscow, and handsome singing star of the show.

"I shall become first darts champion of the USSR. I shall take back many dart-boards.

"English women? Graceful, modest, well-dressed. But too timid."

"Girls, they come and ask me for autograph after show. They say: 'Make a cross.' I say 'I will make no cross. But I will kiss you.' And they run away. So I play darts."

Comrade Eisen scores himself a double-top, then tells me there is one thing surprising him about London girls.

"Those TROUSERS they wear. Jeans, they are called? Never do we see girls wearing trousers in Russia."

Does he find it shocking?

"I find it funny," he says simply.

Another silent Russian comes out of his dart-induced reverie and says: "If we fall in love with English girls, we shall marry them. We shall take them back to Russia."

But he looks so mournful, I suspect he will stick to darts.

FANMAIL

"Will you," I say to Eisen, who has so far received a sackful of fan-letters, including several near-proposals of marriage, "visit the night-clubs?"

He looks at me severely.

"How will night-clubs benefit my work? I shall spend my free time becoming acquainted with the historical spots of ancient London. I shall take many snapshots. And," he says, turning to the board. "I shall play darts...."

"We are not solemn. You must not believe Russians are solemn," says another sad-looking dancer. "We love the joking. But always the joke must be related to our work." And he scores a treble.

PLAY UP!

Heaving a sad English sigh, I turn to where a group of nice Russian girls are waiting to take part in the Cossack dance.

"What do you think of English men?" I whisper desperately.

"We have not noticed," says one, "anything at all about English men."

Ah, well. Who's for a hundred-and-one up?

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So here I am, being spoon-fed by Joan Crawford.

She approaches, bowl in hand. The eyes spark like giant catherine-wheels. The mouth—carnivorous as an orchid—smiles.

But I have seen that smile before—on the faces of the poisoners she has played, the elegant murderesses, the destructive Mums.

Hemlock, I wonder? Henbane?

"Salad-dressing," she says. "Salad-dressing. Just a little, now, just a little...."

I sip. Delicious.

"Make it myself. Always make it myself. Take it with me into restaurants. Never go anywhere without it.

"I take food seriously. Boy, I love to eat!"

And for an instant the eyes open even wider and she looks as if she would like to devour the whole human race.

"Very warm," I say conventionally to a modest grey-haired gentleman in the background who is called Alfred and is Miss Crawford's fourth husband.

Alfred—Mr Alfred Steele—steps instantly to a large soft-drink cooler (his own addition to the lush decor of the Dorchester's Oliver Messel suite) and hands me a bottle of cola.

"Yes," says he, "but wonderful for business."

REFRESHING

The thought refreshes him almost as much as the hearty pull he takes from his own bottle—for Mr Steele bosses the £9 million company whose cola he is drinking.

"Any time," says Miss Crawford, apropos of nothing, "is Pepsi-time."

With our gastronomic needs fulfilled, we talk. And as we talk, I realise that Joan Crawford really IS real. She actually exists. She is not just an Institution.

Stand her sideways—so to speak—and, unlike most movie-queens she does not disappear.

AGE, AGE . . .

"Age, age, age—why are the English so intrigued by age? Oooh, just let me get my hands on the man who wrote I was 49. He'll think Jack the Ripper's on the loose again....

"Acid? They say I'm ACID? Sure, I can be when I want. But not ordinarily. I'm just a person."

"Sometimes," says Mr Steele, who is slocky, slow-speaking and as pleasant a millionaire as ever I've met, "people say: 'Oh, what you must go through, married to a movie star!'

"But, gee, I don't know what they mean. Go through? I go through nothing. I'm married to Joan and I love her—and, well, we're just married folks."

'I CRY'

The only emotional strain he experiences with reference to his wife is when he watches her performing in front of the cameras.

'The energy that woman puts into it, gee, it'd kill an ordinary woman! Why, I've seen directors and cameramen actually cry when she's doing an emotional scene. I cry myself. She's wonderful."

I think she's wonderful, too. She is calm, sensitive, nice. And there is only one man to whom, I suspect, she would like to behave as a screen-poisoner—and he is mild Mr Watkyn, the English Censor.

"He's cut every single love scene out of my new film which is due in London in a week or so. And why? All we did was dive in the hay and romp round beds and all that. Just normal adult behaviour.

"He even cut a scene where my boy-friend throws a typewriter at me. Now why cut a thing like that?"

I confess myself baffled. And I go on to ask her why she works—for fun, money or art?

"Boy, I do it just because I'm stage-struck, and that's all. But if any film is going to take me away from Alfred, even for a short time I'll chuck the whole thing."

And do you know, I believe her.

Here's A Clue To Strong-Arm Policy Taking Shape In Soccer

Says JOHN MOCADAM

Don't look round now, but you're being watched by the changing face of British football.

You haven't noticed anything particularly significant? Well, there were two apparently unrelated happenings in recent weeks that, viewed together, give the clue.

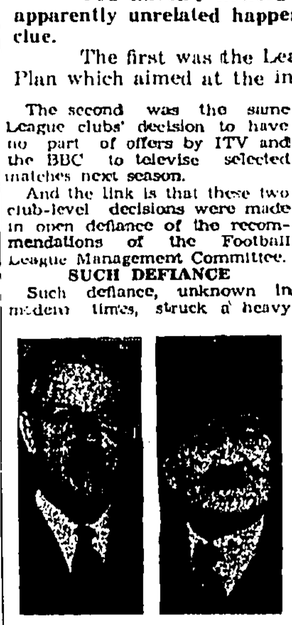
The first was the League clubs' decision to have no part of the Four-Division Plan which aimed at the inclusion of many ambitious non-League clubs.

The second was the same League clubs' decision to have no part of offers by ITV and the BBC to televise selected matches next season.

And the link is that these two club-level decisions were made in open defiance of the recommendations of the Football League Management Committee.

SUCH DEFIANCE

Such defiance, unknown in modern times, struck a heavy blow at the complacency of Soccer rulers accustomed to implicit obedience from their members' clubs.



THE TWO VOICES . . . (left) Sir Stanley Rous, secretary of the FA and Mr Fred Howarth, League secretary.

Anyone who, like myself, has covered the annual football "parliaments" over the years will testify to the slavish acquiescence to the dictation of the top table.

How often in the past quarter-century have we seen the rebel groups declaiming with angry gesticulation their refusal to "stand for" this and that?

And how often have we watched them, under the stern eye of such stalwarts as Little Charles Sutcliffe, say not a single word!

Now the sheep have turned if not into ravening wolves at least into sturdy rams who have suddenly used their horns twice and may confidently be relied on to use them again!

The fact is that the older type of club executive is being steadily replaced by a younger, more virile fellow. The Busbys and the Cullises are unlikely to be intimidated by any autocracy, and a chill wind is a-blowing through the corridors of both Preston and Lancaster Gate.

What has the Football Association to fear from this new pugnacity?

Well, it is loud in its insistence on the drawing-power of its representative games and the clubs are as loud in their insistence on the importance of their own League structure.

They are only partly right. Although that structure is basically a sound one, it has grown unwieldily, and certainly it is cluttered up with a lot of dead wood.

The League Management Committee's Four-Division plan would have cleared some of that dead wood away.

My feeling is that this new virility of the clubs alone will prove to be the motivating force in the next operation on that changing face of football.

Of Course It's Flat

By HENRY LONGHURST

It is always a pleasure, when you have been advancing for 20 years without trace of success a theme so obvious as to be irrefutable, such as, far instance, that the earth is round and not flat, to be suddenly joined by a lifelong but highly distinguished foe. It is almost as though Rommel had come over to our side in the desert.

The new ally is in this instance none other than Henry Cotton, who has recently returned from experiencing that exquisite form of 20th century torture, the American 4½-hour four-ball. Writing in "Sport and Country" on slow golf in general, he concludes: "The only visible solution —a floating ball and shorter courses...then a championship course can be under 6,000 yards."

SUPREME IDIOCIES

It must be one of the supreme idiocies of the sporting scene that, as the years have gone by, we should solemnly have altered the length of approximately 36,000 golf holes in Britain to accommodate changes in the distance which the ball can be hit—these changes, incidentally, being asked for by no one, let alone the ruling body—instead of adjusting the ball to fit the 36,000 holes.

It is as though someone invented a Soccer ball which, by a moderate player, could be kicked the length of the field—and every club put their stands back to accommodate it!

So now every single one of us has to walk anything up to a mile farther than before for a round of golf and, whatever our handicap, we get fewer shots than before. As good an example of this absurdity as any came to light during the Ryder Cup match at Pinehurst, N.C., five years ago. This huge, slow-playing course measured 7,007 yards. During the match Snead did it in 67. Hogan, I was told, had once done a 65 and had had 271 for 72 holes, or 17 under fours.

Earlier in the century Harry Vardon, on one of his tours which spread golf across the States like a prairie fire, had also spent some time at Pinehurst. Now Vardon does not belong—like, with all respect, the Morries and the Jamie Andersons—to the prehistoric era of golf. He played "modern" golf — with different equipment. When Vaidon played at Pinehurst his best score was 71, his average 73 — and the course was 5,400 yards long. So, in 7,007 yards Hogan gets 65 shots. In 5,400 yards Vardon, every bit his equal by the standards of his day, got 71.

LUDICROUS THING

The other week I had the salutary experience of playing Prince's, Sandwich, from the Slazenger Trophy tees. Allowing that this is a ludicrous thing for a middle-aged correspondent to do, that Sarazen had given me a driver which seemed to propel the ball upwards rather than forwards, and that the innkeeper had kept me up unduly late the night before, I still say, at the risk of offending Mr A. V. Bridgland for the second Sunday in succession, that it is pain and grief even for the professionals to have to walk so far.

None of which is any fault of the golf architects or Mr Bridgland. When you entertain the giants, you set them a man-sized problem. Yet even then three of them holed out in less than 70.

If only we could, as Cotton now at last proclaims, reduce the scale of golf; fewer miles, fewer minutes — more shots, more variety, more fun; two rounds a day instead of one, and cost of upkeep reduced by a third.

What's that? All right, then, the earth is flat.

BRITAIN DOES HER DUTY

Fundamental Changes In British Olympic Team Announced

Fundamental changes in Britain's Olympic Games policy were announced recently. A team of 225 men and women, instead of the original 150, will be sent to Melbourne in November. This will cost £50,000 more than the first estimate of £75,000.

This news will be welcomed everywhere, especially in Australia, who recently sent representatives to Britain and other European countries to plead with them to send larger teams than were forecast last year.

The Sunday Dispatch alone of national newspapers condemned the earlier policy of the British Olympic Association when they budgeted on the basis of ignoring any athlete thought incapable of reaching a final. To the plea of this newspaper on November 20 were added the weighty words of the Duke of Edinburgh the following day when he warned the British Olympic Association:

"If our Olympic team lacks for anything, or the funds are not sufficient to send our best men and women, it will be a clear demonstration to Australia, and indeed the whole world, that we are not interested in one of our sister nations, and secondly, that we are not interested in the Olympic Games. That would be a very great disaster."

THIRD LARGEST

Even so, Britain's proposed team of 225 represents no outstanding contribution; in 1952, 350 were sent to Finland; 285 to Berlin in 1936, and 300 to Stockholm 44 years ago.

Britain will be represented at Melbourne in the following sports; athletics, boxing, canoeing, cycling, fencing, football, gymnastics, hockey, modern pentathlon, rowing, shooting, swimming, weight - lifting, wrestling and yachting.

Lord Burghley Chairman of the British Olympic Association, said Britain's team would be the third largest visiting contingent (the two largest will be the US and USSR.)

£25,000 WANTED

"We feel that the standard obtained by our competitors fully justifies this decision" he explained.

The Football Association will contribute sufficient money for their team which although eliminated in the qualifying competition, have been invited to fill a vacancy at Melbourne.

Lord Burghley, Chairman of £100,000 had been subscribed already, leaving £25,000 still to be raised.

DAVIS CUP

America To Meet Italy At Forest Hills

Rye, New York, Aug. 5.

Ham Richardson of Westfield, New Jersey, and Sammy Giammalva of Houston, Texas, a pair of 22-year olds, completed a 4-1 victory over Mexico in the American Zone Davis Cup tennis today.

Richardson applied the clincher that qualified the US to meet Italy at Forest Hills Sept. 28-30 by knocking over Mario Llamas, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1, in the opening match.

Then, with the series won, US captain Billy Talbert called in Giammalva to face a Mexican substitute, 19-year-old Esteban Reges, and Sammy won with ease, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.

The sturdy Texas star played with far more confidence than he had yesterday in losing the doubles with Barry Mackay of Darien, Ohio, against Llamas and Francisco Contreras.—United Press.

Lew Hoad Wins German Title

Hamburg, Aug. 5.

Lew Hoad (Australia) added the German title to his Wimbledon, French and Australian championships to-day when he beat Italy's Orlando Sirola 6-2, 6-7, 6-4, 6-0 in the men's singles final. Australia also took the women's singles title when Mrs Thelma Long beat Miss Silvana Lazzarino, Italy, 7-5 6-2.—Reuter.

Auxiliary Fire Service Orders

No. 29. Orders by Mr Peter Cheung, Acting Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service of August 4, 1956.

Lecture: A lecture will be given by the Training Officer, AFS on "Stop Message," "The Keeping of Occurrence Book & The Compilation of Fire Report Forms" at AFS Training Depot, Arsenal Yard on Tuesday, August 7, 1956 at 1730 hours. All officers, Hongkong Division (S.O. & above) are instructed to attend this lecture.

Leave: S.O. (K) Chui Fu-kar granted 3 months' leave w.e.f. 1.8.56; Fn/Fir No. 521 (HK) Tsui Kwong-hin granted 3 months' leave w.e.f. 25.7.56.

(Sgd.) K. A. Baker,
Atg. D/Supt., AFS.

CIVIL AID SERVICES

No. 21. Orders by the Hon. C. E. Terry, OBE., Commissioner, Civil Aid Services of August 3, 1956:

Appointments—Wardens' Service.— It is hereby notified for general information that on the recommendation of the Chief Warden, the Commissioner has been pleased to confirm the appointment of Mr Kwan Man-wai as Head Warden, Hongkong, w.e.f. 28th March, 1956.

Holidays. — C.A.S. Headquarters will be closed on Monday, 6th August, 1956.

Examination Results. — (a) The undermentioned attended an examination in First Aid (St John Ambulance Association) on July 10, 1956, and qualified to receive the Certificates, and to wear the Badge, of the St John Ambulance Association:

Shaukiwan Zone, — 32634 Szeto Park-ngong, 32360 Yu Sit-hing (Miss), 32804 Lai Hing-biu, 32805 Leung Wai, 32831 Fan Wah-lai, 32832 Tay Shum, 32978 Woo Bing-kwong, 33341 Kung Man-lit, 33409 Chang Wai (Miss), 33490 Lo Lai-kew (Miss), 33498 Cheung Wing-fan (Miss), 33504 Lee Fook, 33509 Lau Wai-fong (Miss), 33513 Tam Sang, 33516 Tse Leung, 33517 Tso Yee-tin, 33520 Wong So, 33521 Yee Won-shu (Miss), 33526 Wong Pak-hung, 33549 Leung Yuk-yau, 33560 Chan Chee-luen, 33609 Leung Yuk-yee, 33616 Tsui Hing-kwan (Miss), 33706 Lee Cheong, 33777 Ng Shiu-kuen (Miss), 33778 Chang Hing-cnun (Miss), 33931 Chang Miu-king (Miss), 33932 Chu Lai-chen (Miss).

(b) The undermentioned attended an examination, and qualified, in Basic Fire-Fighting on July 10, 1956:

Eastern Zone,—30187 Tsui Hok-fung, 30403 Pun Yiu-kwan, 31139 Wong Tat-leung, 31412 Leung Yu-leong, 31669 Chung Kwan, 31677 Leung Kam-hon, 32306 Lam Shung-wai, 32666 Lau Pak-sum, 32757 Law Chor-cheung, 32814 Yeung King-keung, 33130 Yu Tsang-keung, 33194 Leung Hay-ling, 33205 Cheng Chin-man, 33309 Wong Ting-chee, 33376 Kam Yuen-kai, 33378 Lau Wing-cheung, 33382 Lau Pang-yip, 33547 Yu Tung-ming, 33620 Chow Hong, 33703 Yung Yiu-woon, 33810 Wong Chi, 33818 Ho Yuk-lim, 33848 Yeung Kwok-chu, 34243 Cheung Yat-ming, 34309 Yung Wai-fun (Miss), 34369 Ying Chun-wai.

(c) The undermentioned attended an examination, and qualified, in Basic Rescue on July 27, 1956:

Shaukiwan Zone. — 32105 Wai Kwan, 33469 Chang Wai (Miss), 33499 Lau Kwok-kee, 33516 Tse Leung, 33768 Cheng Kotling, 33883 Chan Koon-keung, 33901 Lo Yau-ming, 33904 Yip Kwok-fai, 33916 Leung Chung-lin, 33973 Mui Chung-man, 33977 Tang Yeu, 33980 Wong Nei-chun, 34201 Fung Chi-lam, 34350 Yuen Tin-yau, 34369 Kwan Fee, 34371 Chung Chun Fong, 34462 Yeung Huen, 34478 Ma Kong-wah, 34482 Leung Yim-kit (Miss) 34510 Hui Tung-fat, 34521 Ip Chun-poo, 34534 Shek Muk-ht.

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Herklots, G. A. C. 1953. Hong Kong Birds, Pp. vii+233, 11 pls., 8 in colour, numerous black-and-white drawings in text. Hong Kong: South China Morning Post, Ltd., HK$35.00.

". . . a most welcome handbook for ornithologists resident or stationed in Hong Kong. All the hitherto recorded species are included; plumages are clearly and concisely described, and a short account is given of field characters, voice, habits, status, etc. The illustrations, except for three plates of photographs, are all by Cdr. A. M. Hughes, and include four attractive plates of the heads of 42 species and many useful drawings in the text. The writer of this review would have benefited greatly from this book when stationed in Hong Kong some years ago. Even now, on referring to it, some 40 unfamiliar species on which notes were made at the time have almost all proved easily identifiable. — D. W. S.

(Extract from "The Ibis" official organ of the British Ornithologists' Union, British Museum).

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SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Drip Feed Technique For New Gear Hardening Furnaces

New electric furnaces recently installed at the Elswick and Scotswood Works of Vickers-Armstrongs (Engineers) Ltd include two batch furnaces with separate cooling chambers, for gas carburising gear wheels, and a continuous hardening furnace with a roller hearth.

The processing atmospheres are generated within the furnaces from a liquid mixture introduced by a drip feed technique.

The furnaces were designed and supplied by The General Electric Company Ltd which also developed the special fluid from which the atmospheres are obtained.

The carburising furnaces are of identical design each having a set of three baskets to carry the charge, with effective dimensions 25 in. in diameter and 36 in. deep.

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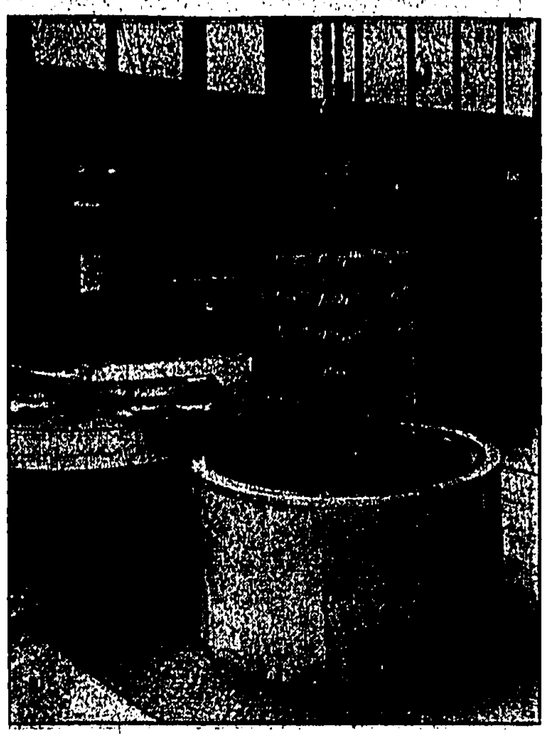
Inside each furnace is a heat-resisting steel lining, which is supported by a wide flange and is free to expand at the base with the increase in temperature.

Round the outer periphery of the chamber is a sand channel which takes the furnace lid to effect a gas tight seal.

The bottom of the chamber extends into an oil sealing trough.

Each furnace is closed by an easily operated lift and swing lid having a leaf spring and a ratchet operated lifting lever.

The lids are lined on the inside with heat resisting steel plate. They are centrally supported and can be rotated with tommy bars for bedding down in the sand seals.



A charge of gear wheels being removed from the cooling chamber which forms part of the G.E.C. gas carburising furnace installation of the Scotswood Works of Vickers-Armstrong Ltd.

Straddle Carrier

RECENTLY on exhibition in London was a straddle carrier which, since it obviates the need for cranes and overhead gantrys, can be put to a number of uses.

The size of the loads which it can handle with ease can be judged from the fact that an average saloon car finds ample parking space under the huge vehicle.

An indication of the speed at which the carrier can operate was seen in recent tests which demonstrated that it could pick up from ground level, transport a distance of 220 yards (201 metres) and set down a load of seven and a half tons, 23 feet (seven metres) in length, and return unladen to the starting point in an inclusive time of 80 seconds.

It is possible to pick up at the rate of 300 tons per hour and move the loads a distance of 220 yards. Firm: British Straddle Carrier Company Ltd of 7, Chesterfield Gardens, London, W1.

Soldering Tool Heats Job Directly

A new design of soldering tool is based on the principle of heating the job directly instead of depending on first heating a mass of metal from which a further small amount of heat is transferred. This is effected by the use of tongs, which serve as leads for the electric current to the special type of electrodes.

To solder, the parts are held in the tongs and the heating time is controlled by a push button.

The stems are detachable and interchangeable, which, together with the special carbon electrodes, enable most types of work to be done, including work in otherwise inaccessible positions.

Power is from a 6-volt battery or transformer, and the tool has a low current consumption, which varies to some extent with the thickness of the material to be soldered.

When operated from a 6-volt car battery the soldering tool is fully mobile and independent of power-supplies.

In normal use, the only expendable parts are the detached electrodes, which have been designed to give efficient and economical service.

Interchangeable and adjustable stems and electrode-holders, as well as electrodes of different shapes, permit most types of soldering to be done with one tool.

It can be used for soldering solid material from 1/64-inch to half-inch in diameter, or the equivalent surfaces, in copper, brass or other solderable materials. Firm: Aircraft Services and Export Ltd, 15, Buckingham Palace Gardens, London, SW1, England.

BATTERY-OPERATED FLUORESCENT LIGHTING

A CONVERTOR unit has been designed which is claimed to give a suitable output sufficient to operate two 15-watt fluorescent tubes from a 12-volt direct current battery supply.

It is stated to be suitable, among other uses, for the lighting of small sailing craft, caravans, market stalls and small mobile workshops. Successful tests have also been made with it to excite "brilliant" poster paints and inks in the dark.

By use of the equipment, adequate fluorescent lighting can be obtained for a battery drain of only 4 amperes at 12 volts or 2 amperes at 24 volts.

The output from the convertor unit is fed to two trough units accommodating the 18-inch (45.72 centimetres) fluorescent tubes.

For the ultra-violet application these troughs are fitted with special glass filters to exclude all visible light.

When used with normal tubes for emergency or portable lighting the filters are replaced by clear glass screens.

The convertor unit (type X18) measures 13 inches by 5 inches by 5 inches (33 centimetres by 12.7 centimetres by 12.7 centimetres) and weighs ten pounds (4.535 kilograms); the lighting troughs (type C19) are 20 inches by 8 inches by 4½ inches (50.8 centimetres by 20.32 centimetres by 11.43 centimetres), and each weighs eight pounds (3.628 kilograms).

Full information can be obtained from Esco Electrical (Holdings) Ltd, Brighton Terrace, London, SW9, England.

Small Objects Profile Projector

Now in production is a profile projector which is designed to project magnified forms of small parts, such as screw-threads, on to a screen which is an integral part of the projector.

Small objects are placed on the platform which is situated at right-angles to the optical-axis of the projection-lens and, by means of aluminised mirrors, the image of the part is thrown on to the instrument-screen.

The platform or stage is adjusted by means of a micrometer movement-control. Illumination is provided by a 100-watt pre-focussed projection-type lamp.

The projection-lens is an achromatic doublet giving a magnification of X10. A supplementary lens can be provided to increase the magnification to X15.

Either lens gives good definition, colour correction and freedom from distortion. Objects up to three-quarter inch diameter are covered by the X10 objective, and items up to three-eighths inch in diameter with the X15 objective.

For accurate projection of profiles, especially of screw-threads, the object must be illuminated with a parallel light-beam, and a computed condenser-lens is fitted to achieve this. The screen consists of two sheets of glass approximately 9 inches by 8 inches, between which is sandwiched a sheet of Ethulon tracing film.

An enlarged drawing of the profile being made can be drawn on the tracing material and the projector can then be used as a comparator. The projector is 23.25 inches in height, 10 inches in width, and 19.25 inches in depth. It weighs 21 pounds. Firm is: Newbold and Bulford Ltd, Enbecco House, Roger Street, Grays Inn, London, WC1, England.

MINIATURE ELECTRIC SWITCHES

To meet specifications of Britain's Ministry of Supply, Dunlop Rubber Company Ltd (Aviation Division) has developed miniature electric switches. They are primarily designed to meet the need to house several switches within the small compass of an aircraft control handle; they can also be supplied as separate entities.

The push-button switch has been approved by the Ministry of Supply for general aircraft duty at 2.0 ampere (non-inductive) and 0.5 ampere (inductive).

It has been designed for rapid make and break and to give the minimum contact resistance. The switch contacts are of silver.

A minimum life of 100,000 operations is proved, state the firm, for each of these conditions: 2.0 ampere, negligible inductance at sea level; 2.0 ampere, negligible inductance at 60,000 feet; 0.5 ampere, inductive at sea level; 0.5 ampere, inductive at 60,000 feet.

Firm: Dunlop Rubber Company Ltd, Aviation Division, St George's Road, Foleshill, Coventry, England.

MAN-CARRYING CENTRIFUGE

To facilitate medical research into the reaction of high speed flight on the human body a man-carrying centrifuge has been designed and installed at Britain's Royal Air Force Institute of Aviation Medicine.

Incorporated in the equipment is tele-talk apparatus which enables the subject to describe to an observer what occurs during the test.

The contract for the installation was placed by the Air Ministry with M. B. Wild and Company Ltd., Argyle Street, Nechells, Birmingham, England.

The firm acted as main contractors, while the electrical plant and control gear was supplied by the General Electric Company Ltd, Kingsway, London, England.

Basically, the centrifuge consists of a horizontal arm rotating under a precisely controlled cycle of acceleration and deceleration which can be accurately repeated any number of times. About 60 feet long, the arm has a car suspended at each end, and is mounted on a 12-ton flywheel attached to a vertical spindle driving motor installed in a central pit in the centrifuge chamber.

Very complex problems of design had to be overcome before constructional details could be decided. Briefly, the basic theory of operation can be simply stated as follows: the cars attached to the arm, when rotated at uniform speed by the driving motor, are subjected to an acceleration, in a direction towards the axis of rotation of magnitude $2wr$ where the w is the angular velocity and the r the radius of the arm. Thus the magnitude of the acceleration is controlled by the speed of the motor and the effective radius of the arm; therefore, the rate of change of acceleration is governed by the rate of change of motor speed.

Each car is mounted on trunnions, fore and aft, so that it can swing out to maintain the direction of the resultant acceleration on the subject unchanged as the centrifuge speeds up. At maximum motor speed of 58 revolutions per minute and the full radius of 30 feet, the acceleration produced has a magnitude of approximately 30 times the normal acceleration of gravity. The centrifuge can be operated either manually or automatically by a controller.

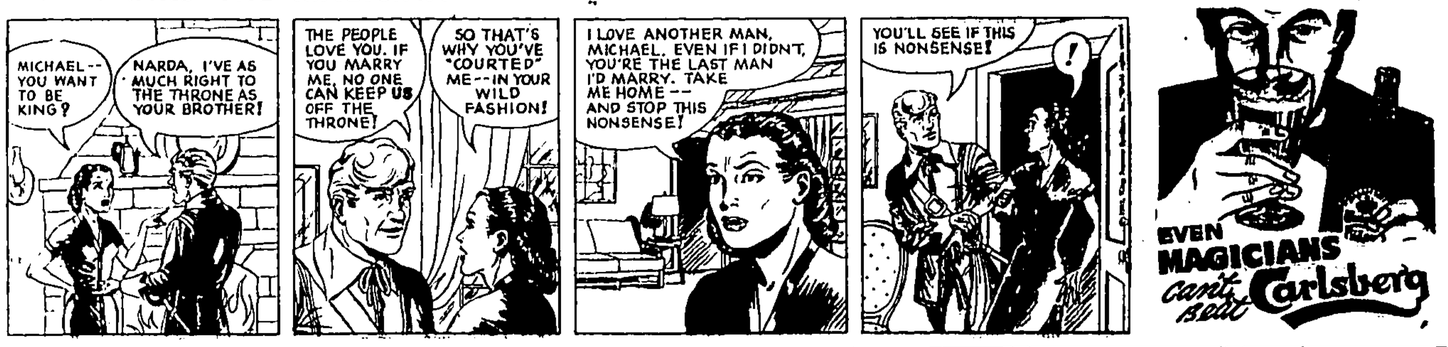
Behaviour Of Combustion Gases

Apart from the applied research with the various machines described, certain work on fundamental principles is carried out, particularly with regard to the behaviour of combustion gases in passing through boiler systems.

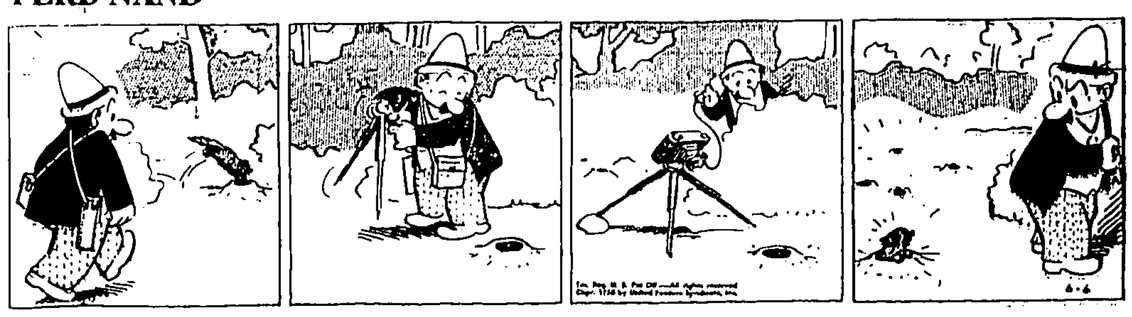
This work which has been proceeding over a number of years, has disclosed that sulphuric acid is produced by the passage of products of combustion over heated iron surfaces when the latter are raised to an elevated temperature, due to surface catalysis; an original finding which is of the greatest importance in power station practice and has been recognised as such throughout the world.

International Combustion Ltd, Derby, England.

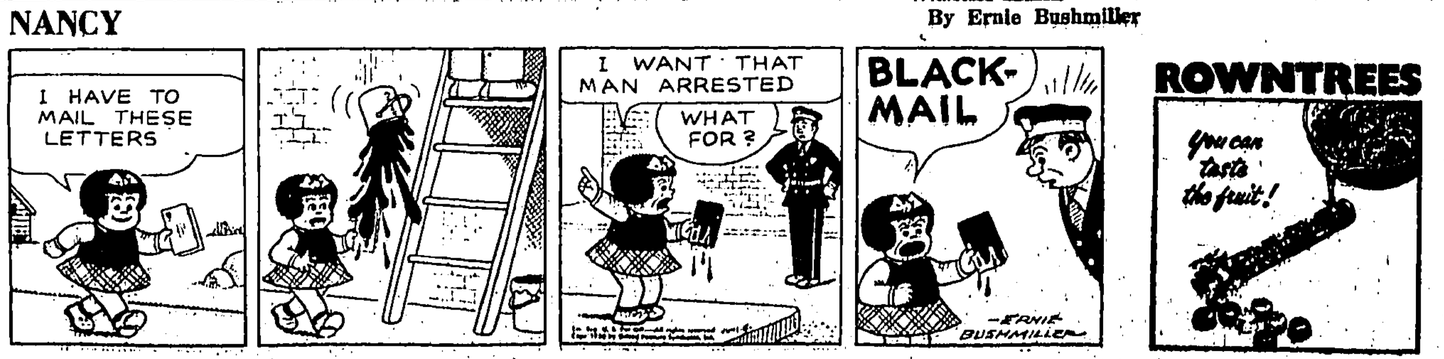
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 7
By Air
Poking, Shanghai, Kunming, Hankow, 9 a.m.
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Philippines, 2 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 2 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 3 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
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Macao, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Middle East, Italy, France, (Netherland & Germany parcels direct), 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8
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China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
West Africa parcel via Lagos, Gold Coast parcels via Takoradi, 11 a.m.
N. Borneo, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Malaya, Portuguese East Africa, South Africa, (N. & S. Rhodesia parcels via L. Marques) (Argentine parcels direct), 31 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Thailand, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Indonesia, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Burma, 2 p.m.
Australia, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Malaya, E. East Africa, P. East Africa, S. Africa, (N. & S. Rhodesia parcels via L. Marques) (Argentine parcels direct), 41 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Malaya, Burma, India, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 2 p.m.
Japan, Canada, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Indonesia, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Korea, 9 p.m.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

American Confidence Picks Up At Weekend

PRESSURE ON MIDDLE EAST OILS MAINLY INSPIRED BY WEEKS OF GAINS

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Aug. 5.

Apparently reassured by diplomatic moves to deal with Egypt's "seizure" of the strategic Suez Canal, there was a marked pickup toward the weekend in American business confidence and investor psychology.

Stock prices tumbled in leading financial centres of the world last Friday, reflecting worldwide uncertainty over Egypt's action. In New York, the Dow-Jones industrial average closed the day off 3.55 points, at 512.30, with international oil issues under singular pressure.

Gulf Oil, for example, lost a total of nine points while Getty Oil eased 3½.

A little less than half of these losses were recovered in Tuesday's strong showing, although there were some further fractional losses on Wednesday.

Strong Showing

But more important for many expert observers was the overall strong showing of the market despite the pressure on the oils. At market-close on Wednesday, the Dow-Jones industrial average was 518.69, only 2.36 points from the high of 521.05 set on April 6.

Stock prices are thus left to have regained of last week's buoyancy, now that the initial shock of the Suez Canal incident has been largely discounted. Economic factors more so than political factors—will thus reassure themselves in the future, according to the experts.

Much of the pressure on the oil issues is viewed as technically inspired after weeks of almost steady gains, although no one overlooks the Suez Canal development as a market depressant.

Elsewhere on the oil front, American oil companies with heavy Middle East commitments are frankly concerned over the rising Middle East tensions. They appear to be making no plans, however, for rerouting tankers from the Suez via the Cape of Good Hope. They are watching closely the diplomatic moves at the London conference of the foreign ministers of Great Britain, France and the United States, for clues as to what policy to adopt.

Toll Question

As to the controversial question of toll payments, American oil companies were understood to have adopted a "business as usual" policy. Payments, it was expected, would be made, as in the past, either in London, Paris or in Cairo in local currency. There's much concern in the United States that should the Canal be closed to navigation, there would be a new pinch on cargo space and shipping facilities.

If Egypt should raise the tolls or should it be necessary to use the longer African route, the price of many commodities in the US would move sharply higher. Manganese, tin and rubber, among others, would cost more. All of these commodities are vital to the US economy. According to the Wall Street Journal, about 60 per cent of all tin used in the United States comes from Malaya—through the Suez. More than 40 per cent of its rubber comes through the waterway. Thirty-five out of every 100 tons of manganese comes from India, of which about 99 per cent comes through the Canal.

The US economy meanwhile has emerged from the long steel strike with no apparent damage, although there is less certainty about the after effects. To the National City Bank the economic prospects for the fourth quarter "look better" now than before the mid-year, despite the steel strike. It now finds the economy on an even keel, with many of the uncertainties during the first half cleared up. It sees fewer inventory worries, improvement in the auto industry, continued strong demand for steel products, as a factor making for a fourth-quarter business gain.

Poised

The Chase Manhattan Bank, however, says that the steel strike may cause inflationary trends in the United States. The US economy, it said, appeared to be delicately poised between inflation and deflation. This balance could be upset, the Bank added.

Among the factors which might work in the direction of inflation: Higher steel prices, pressure for higher wages in other industries and higher prices for consumer lines.

There was new evidence of these price pressures last week. It now looks as if steel prices will rise by about $10 a ton once a final labour settlement is reached.

That will undoubtedly inspire a general price-wage hike covering a host of items. The tyre industry wasted no time, apparently. Five leading tyre makers have now raised the prices of tyres from 2 to 3½ per cent. Rising costs for materials and labour were cited as the cause for the increase.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation, a major manufacturer, last week, announced that the company would raise prices of household appliances -- except automatic home laundry equipment--$1 to 10 per cent on August 15. The expected rise in steel prices was given as one cause for the boost.

Meanwhile, aluminium workers appeared to have reached a settlement calling for wage increases along the pattern of that reached in the steel settlement. And there were fears that the United Mine Workers will seek new wage increases and other benefits shortly for the thousands of its members.

On the whole, the US economy, despite some uncertainties, appears to be heading for a period of steady consolidation. The basic economic situation does not seem to have been impaired by the steel shutdown. To many the US economic picture looks essentially unchanged by comparison with the pre-strike period. To a great many others, the strike has provided a strong base for a big second-half 1956.—United Press.

Mexico Bans Import Of US Cars

Mexico, Aug. 5.

The Economy and Finance Ministries banned the import of cars and trucks from the United States and other countries last week.

They ruled that under purchases are paid for in Mexican cotton, Mexican importers will be prohibited from bringing foreign vehicles into the nation from Oct 1.

The ministries said this measure is intended to favour the sale of Mexican cotton abroad.

Many other items such as machinery, chemical products, type-writers, adding machines, sewing machines, steel and artificial fibres will be subjected to the same ban in the future.

Mexico now has barter agreements with 13 countries. These are United States Italy Canada Great Britain, France Germany, Argentine, Sweden, Switzerland, Belgium Denmark Japan and Czechoslovakia.

BARTER

Officials said the Government entered into the barter agreements to counteract in part the difficult situation created by the sale of 5,000,000 bales of US surplus cotton on the world market at competitive prices. Although virtually all of Mexico's current cotton crop has been placed on the international and local market, officials said the 1956-57 crop was "still not defined."

Imports of automobiles and parts in 1955 totalled $80,000,000.

According to the New York Journal of Commerce, the representatives of General Motors, Ford and Chrysler have been instructed by Minister of Economy Mr Gilberto Loyo that all parts imported for assembly in Mexican plants would have to be paid for 100 per cent with a barter arrangement of Mexican cotton. This transaction, it was estimated involved, 60 million annually, or about 30 per cent of the estimated Mexican cotton production during the 1955-56 season.

The US automotive industry takes "a dim view" of the Mexican proposal, the Journal of Commerce said. -- United Press.

EGYPTIAN COTTON EXPORTS

Washington, Aug. 5.

Egyptian cotton exports to Czechoslovakia and China have tripled in recent months, the US Agriculture Department reported today.

In its weekly round-up of foreign crop and market conditions, the Department said Egypt exported 1,310,000 bales of cotton from August, 1955, to May, 1956, or 44 per cent higher than during the same period of the previous year.

"Most of the increase was in exports to Czechoslovakia and China, each of which increased by about 300 per cent," the report said.

"Sizable increases were also shown for exports to Rumania, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia and the USSR, in contrast to only moderate increases for Switzerland, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom were reported."

HEAVY BUYING

The report said Egyptian cotton prices have been increasing steadily since January, mostly because of the "unusually heavy buying pressure by the Communist countries."

Sudan's cotton exports more than doubled during the period of August, 1955, to May, 1956, compared to the same period of the previous year, the Department said. The total of 450,000 bales set a record.

Most of the Sudan's cotton was exported to the United Kingdom and India. Smaller quantities went to West Germany, Italy and France.

The record export volume was made possible partly by carryover stock, the report said. United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Aug. 5

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Aug 1, reads as follows:

	sterling
Note circulation	1,970,215,016
Public deposits	14,302,930
Private deposits	274,542,896
Government securities	249,311,629
Other securities	34,822,892
Reserves	23,106,043
Ratio	7.9

United Press

Replanting Rubber

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 5.

The Rubber Industry Replanting Board said in a report published today 64,077 acres in Malaya had been replanted with rubber.—Reuter.

Ceylon Against Freight Raise

Colombo, Aug. 5.

Ceylonese importers are urging the authorities to refuse entry to ships covered by the Japanese-Colombo freight agreement, it was learned today.

The agreement organisation recently announced it was imposing a 20 per cent surcharge on all shipments to Colombo, effective on August 16, because of port delays.

The directors of one Colombo importing firm said his company was bringing in considerable quantities of plywood chests, aluminium linings, cotton yarn, etc from Japan, and the surcharge would inevitably cause a price rise.

Increase prices for plywood chests and aluminium linings, he said, could eventually have a detrimental effect on the tea industry.—United Press.

West Germany Reduces Steel Duty

Luxembourg, Aug. 5.

A temporary reduction in West German duties on imports of iron and steel products has been approved by the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community.

West Germany may now reduce her tariffs on ordinary steel to a level of two per cent above the corresponding Benelux rates. In the case of special steels imported from third countries, tariffs may be lowered by one to two per cent.

West German sources close to the High Authority consider the authorised reduction adequate, although they are lower than those originally requested by Germany.

Experts here feel that no unfavourable repercussions on the economies of other ECSC countries need be feared. However, the position will be reviewed should the reductions cause difficulties in Benelux, which has the lowest iron and steel tariffs in the Community.—China Mail Special.

WALL STREET INDUSTRIALS JUST MISS SETTING NEW HIGH

New York, Aug. 5.

The stock market just missed setting a new high record in the Dow-Jones industrial average during the past week.

The Dow-Jones industrial average on Thursday came within one-tenth of one point of equalling its record set on April 6. Actually that's an average of less than two cents a share for the 30 industrials on the basis of the weighing of the average.

Anyhow, the market shot for the peak of the average.

When the score was tallied at the close of the last session it was found that the industrial average had scored its best weekly gain since July 6, that the rails had done more poorly but gained nonetheless. And utilities at their high set a new quarter century mark.

Picked Up

Trading picked up too with sales averaging 2,331,375 shares daily, best since the week ended May 11.

There were many favourable developments, notably some excellent corporation reports. There were a few bad ones, too, notably Chrysler's which showed a drop in the first half of 73 per cent in earnings compared with a year ago.

The Suez Canal incident apparently was forgotten until the Friday session when it was revived by reports the Arabs might be working on plans to nationalise Western-held oil fields now that Egypt apparently has succeeded in its coup.

The Eastern oils were sold again on Friday after their break one week before when Egypt acted to take the Canal. But this time they were more resilient and came back from the lows.

Steels mounted to new highs as the contracts were drawn to end the long steel strike. The mills now are being readied for resumption of full-time production. US Steel issued its first half report showing record sales and earnings.

Metals had good markets in several sessions. A strike cutting aluminium production in half didn't dampen ardour for the aluminium issues. Coppers rose as prices firmed for the metal.

Better Gains

Among the better gains in the general list were Bethlehem up 7⅝; Alcoa 6¾; Amerada Oil 6⅝, Boeing Aeroplane 6½, Chrysler 2⅝, Douglas Aircraft 5⅜, Great Northern Iron Ore 5⅛, International Nickel, 9⅜, Kennecott 7¾, Magma Copper 5¾.

Gulf Oil lost 3¼ points on the week. International Business Machines were down 17. International Harvester fell 3 on further cutbacks to bring inventories into line.—United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Aug. 5.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended July 26, reads as follows:

	francs
Total gold holdings	301,204,302,436
Total other currencies	16,237,558,861
Sight balance abroad	127,515,100,000
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Advance to Stabilisation Fund	143,200,000,000
Total bills discounted	1,899,300,000,000
Notes in circulation	2,033,173,974,340
Current accounts and deposits	161,675,003,106

—United Press.

US RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Aug. 5.

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in bales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1955-56 season to July 31 were as follows:

Britain	170,895
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Orient	1,218,034
Canada	136,123
Total for season*	2,192,029
Same period last year*	3,445,473

*excluding linters.

—United Press.

Mexico Retaliates Against US Cotton Subsidy

New York, Aug. 5.

Tariffs, subsidies and quotas occupied the attention of the textile industry this past week. Following the Department of Agriculture announcement several days ago that it would subsidise export cotton products to the tune of 6.58 cents a pound there were loud and immediate complaints from abroad.

Canada, best US customer, cried "dumping", and Mexico retaliated by informing Chrysler, Ford and General Motors that beginning on Nov. 1 all parts brought into the country for assembly in Mexican plants would have to be paid for by a barter arrangement for Mexico cotton that would amount to roughly 60 million a year and take up a third of the Mexican crop.

Meanwhile a battle loomed between importers and domestic mills over the rising trend of foreign twine imports with US spinners demanding a tariff.

Tariff Plank

At the same time there was talk of recommending a tariff plank in the Democratic platform that would aid the American textile industry in its fight against Japanese imports.

And to further intensify the tariff issue, 34 textile and apparel industry trade association leaders made plans for a new campaign this autumn to combat even more strongly the "threat" posed to the domestic industry by Japan.

The cotton grey goods market wallowed in the usual summer doldrums, relieved only slightly by moderate fourth and first quarter business in print cloth at steady prices. Small lots of sheetings, print cloths and specialty fabrics made up the bulk of business done last week. Mills continued to operate at a reduced rate, most of them at four days, two shifts.

Break Even

This past week reports from knit goods manufacturers indicated a good season ahead for sweaters, underwear, and other knitted items. Cotton yarn markets were quiet but steady, with prices holding firm.

The man-made fibres market was in the worst shape of all. Depressed for months, rayon weavers and producers alike look with a jaundiced eye on the future. The autumn season for man-made fibre fabrics usually begins within a few weeks, but even the most optimistic market men hoped only for a break-even season.—United Press.

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Cotton Futures Move Higher

New York, Aug. 5.

Cotton futures moved higher last week in quiet dealings.

At Friday's close the list ruled 19 to 42 points —95 cents to $2.10 a bale—higher than the previous week's closing prices.

Most of the advance reflected domestic and foreign price fixing which met only light hedging despite heavy gainings.

The advance early in the week mainly reflected the increase of 12 points in the July parity price, which set the official loan price for middling inch cotton at 32.74 cents (or 40 points above the tentative minimum loan price set earlier this year).

Routine Sessions

The Wednesday and Thursday sessions were only routine with most traders awaiting the Government's first crop estimate of the new season on Aug. 8.

On Friday, however, the distant deliveries moved up more than 91 at one time on short covering brought about by a Department of Agriculture announcement that a total of 1,003,000 acres of cotton land had been deposited in the soil bank acreage reserve for 1956.

The first private crop estimates on Thursday had very little effect on the market although they were below trade expectations. One survey placed the prospective production at 12,722,000 bales and the other at 13,200,000, as against 13,600,000 anticipated by the trade.

Last year's production was 14,721,000 bales and the average over the past 10 years 13,098,000 bales.

The low estimates were said to reflect drought conditions in parts of the western belt where substantial acreages have been taken out of cultivation.

Export Needs

Market men pointed out that bullish implications of the prospective reduction in the crop were minimised by the already burdensome supply and the fact that the indicated output is still large in relation to anticipated domestic needs of around nine million bales in the 1956-57 season.

Export needs will be supplied out of Commodity Credit Corp. stocks, they said, and the only apparent lodging place for the crop in excess of home needs is the loan.—United Press.

London Exchange Had Most Trying Week

By C. T. HALLINAN

London, Aug. 5.

Stock markets had a very trying week. Outside the old building—which dates from 1801—the winds blew and the rain pelted down and inside it the jobbers and brokers buttonholed each other and explained what the Government should do about the Suez Canal and "that man Nasser."

One unpleasant feature of the week was the continued selling of British Government securities which are traditionally regarded here as "the safest investment in the world."

On Wednesday the Financial Times index of the market value of government stocks fell to 83.64, the lowest it has ever been since it was started (at 100) in 1926.

Govt Losses

In spite of what looked on Thursday like some institutional buying, the medium-term and long-term government stocks closed the week with losses ranging up to 8 shillings 9 pence; Old Consols lost that much and War Loan lost 6s 3d.

Taking the week as a whole, Suez Canal shares fell 9 sterling to £53½. This may be viewed against last year's high of 112 sterling and 1947's high of 137 sterling. National Bank of Egypt fell 2 sterling to a low of 13½ sterling.

Oils were incessantly in the picture on the theory that any Egyptian interference with their use of the Suez Canal would cut unto their profits. Shares of Royal Dutch fell 1¼ sterling to 82¾ sterling and those of British Petroleum, Burmah Oil and Anglo-Egyptian "B" all lost around 6 shillings. On a percentage basis these losses were really moderate and did not alter the fact that these are still expensive shares.

Among the industrials the movements were highly erratic but by Friday, they were virtually all down. The most interesting exception was Vickers which rose 1 shilling to 43 shillings 3 pence, just under its 1956 peak of 44 shillings; behind the buying was apparently the conviction that the clash with Egypt would force the Government to moderate its scheme for reducing defence expenditures.

Japanese Weak

But some of the well-known ones were down about 2 shillings—Woolworths and Imperial Tobacco—and the others like Courtaulds, Imperial Chemicals, Rolls-Royce and Ford Motors were down about a shilling.

North American demand was reflected in Borax Holdings deferred shares which rose 1⅜ sterling to a new high of 15¼ sterling, International Nickel, up 18½ points to 206½, approaching to 204 shillings compared with its high of 205 shillings.

Foreign bonds in general lost ground. Almost the sole exceptions were the two German Potash bonds which both gained 2 sterling; the Young Loan was unchanged and the Dawes Loan, both assented and non-assented, was down a few shillings. Japanese were certainly weak. The 1930's assented fell 4 sterling while the non-assented was down 4½; Tokyo Electric lost 2½, the 1924's lost 2 and the others from ½ to 1 sterling. Chinese bonds became active this past week but closed with net losses of about three-fourth sterling.—United Press.

Can Production Hits 40,000,000

New York, Aug. 5.

Production of cans in the United States will, for the first time, exceed 40,000,000 units in 1956, it is estimated by American Can Company President, W. C. Stolk. In 1955, output was 39,200,000 cans. He based his peak figure on the estimated production of No. 2 cans—the industry's standard.

Mr Stolk said the actual production figure would probably be larger because of increased use of smaller cans, such as those for concentrated fruit juice. The American Can official said the continuing increase in production of metal containers reflected the success of industry research, which had developed many new types of cans and new uses for existing containers.—China Mail Special.

Russian Cotton Production To Be Increased

Moscow, Aug. 5.

A barren plain of about 2,450,000 acres in Uzbekistan, in Soviet Asia, will soon produce up to one million tons of cotton, Tass reported.

Large-scale work to put much of the area under cultivation will also result in the steppe producing great quantities of meat, dairy produce, fruit and grapes, Tass said.

Three irrigation canals, a railway line, roads and power supply lines will be built on reclaimed desertland in Uzbekistan, the agency added.—China Mail Special.



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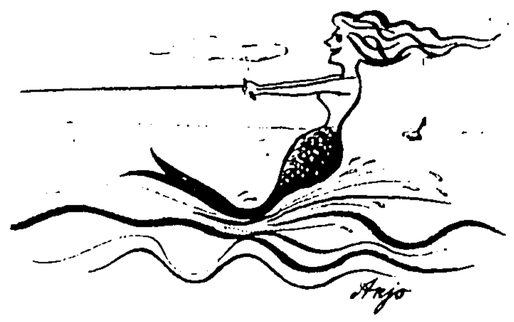
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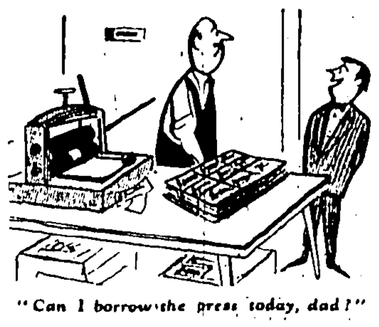




"Get out!"



"Tell you what. Since you won't have any special use for this one I'll let you have it half price."



"Can I borrow the press today, dad?"



"Say, who's that blonde with Arthur Miller?"

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

If The Shoe Fits

THEY were busy in the women's department of the shoe shop. Shoeboxes rose in piles like defences hurriedly thrown up against an expected enemy, and assistants flew among them, adding now to this one, now to that, as their customers changed their minds.

Standing forlorn and ill-at-ease on the outskirts of the busy scene, was a bald-headed little man who looked as though he had come there somehow by accident, and would have given much to escape.

The little man was named Joseph and as he stood there, gently rocking, the manager of the shop spotted him.

HIGH HEELS

AS soon as he was able, the manager ran to Joseph's rescue.

"What can I have the pleasure ——?" he began.

"I've an old friend works here," said Joseph. "I'd like to speak to her."

"Perhaps you could wait," the manager said. Joseph nodded. Presently the manager came back. "The name of your friend is ——?" he began.

"I'm waiting for my wife, I tell you," Joseph snapped.

The manager was trying to get the situation clear in his mind, when his glance happened to fall on one of the pockets of Joseph's mackintosh. From it stuck the high heels of a pair of woman's shoes.

THE CHASE

"THOSE shoes," the manager —— and "have you ——"

Joseph did not wait to hear the rest. He turned for the street door and fled. The manager gave chase and caught him after a run of 200 yards. Youth was on his side, for Joseph is 69.

At the Clerkenwell court next morning, Joseph was charged with stealing the shoes.

"I plead guilty," he said, "because I was drunk."

That amounted to a not guilty plea, so the evidence was given in full and when all had been said, the magistrate, Mr Frank Powell, found the case proved.

OUT AND ABOUT AGAIN

"IS anything known about him?" Mr Powell asked.

"There are 46 previous convictions," a policeman said.

"Do you know when the first was?" the magistrate asked.

The policeman did not, but Joseph chipped in cheerfully: "It was 1919, sir, and I was...." as though he was about to recite a long tale, often told. The magistrate halted him. "What do you want to say about *this* case?" he asked.

"Well, since I came out last," said Joseph, "I been under treatment for lumbago. It's only the past few days I've been able to get out and about at all, and what happens? I'll tell you. I have a few pints of cider—then this lot."

NEVER THERE

"WHAT'S this story you were telling about waiting in the shop for your wife?"

"I was never in the shop," said Joseph, "least I don't ever remember going in."

"You seem to me to be an incorrigible rogue," said the magistrate.

"I'd not say that," Joseph answered. "I've not a friend in the world."

"Well, you must go to London Sessions for sentence," said the magistrate. "You can tell the judge there what you've got to say."

"I'll do that," Joseph said, and he went thoughtfully away, as it already putting together his defence, of how he should convince the judge at Sessions that he was not incorrigible. That the shoe did not fit.

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SAID the Countess of Dudley, inviting me to lunch, "Could you possibly make it Wednesday — it's my half-day." So Wednesday it was. We met in a very chic Mayfair club. The countess wore a sleek dress of embroidered cotton made of a material she had selected for Christian Dior during the time she worked for him, and gave me the progress report of her first six months as suburban shopkeeper.

Lady Dudley, the high society hostess and champion horsewoman, went, as they say, "into trade" by way of a fashion and furnishing fabric shop in Rayner's Lane, Pinner, Middlesex, at the beginning of the year.

I commented at the time that I hoped I had been in at the beginning of a vast new commercial empire, and it looks as if I might have been. In a few weeks' time the countess is going to open her third branch—at Boreham Wood, one of the "new towns."

THE TAKINGS

"MAINLY council-house type of trade" said the peeress, who used to have, among others, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor as house-guests. "But I'd like to bet it proves the biggest money-maker of them all."

At the other two shops (the second one was launched at Cockfosters, Herts, last Easter), the money comes in to the pretty tune of £1,800 on Saturdays.

"Saturdays are our big days," said Lady Dudley. "It's like a bear-garden in both shops. I go to Rayner's Lane and I send my cook to Cockfosters to help cope with the business."

The enterprise has progressed rapidly, but naturally she had to learn the hard way.

"I've been finding out about an entirely new world, full of exceedingly nice people. I made mistakes of course.

"One thing I know now is that, in the suburbs people insist on curtain material that shows the pattern on the outside. I've tried to tell them about the benefits of lining curtains but to no avail.

"Curtains apparently are meant to impress their neighbours rather than please themselves.

SILK FOR BEST

"I'VE learned, too, that while the young girls have taken to cottons in a big way, their mothers still like to have something silky for 'best'."

Lady Dudley's social life is not having to be radically readjusted. "I'm only having to give up my days. Dinners, dances, charity balls take place after shop hours anyway. And anyway I've got to the age (she is 40) when for me the ball is over at 2.30 a.m. I don't want to go on somewhere at 4."

Friends who wish to see her during the hours of 9 to 5.30, drive to Pinner. "They come really to buy stuff cheaper than they'll get it in Mayfair. I've become a sort of 'I can get it for you wholesale' symbol."

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7-DAY ITCH

THE battle of the blondes has been roaring mightily across the printed pages this week, and I have been suffering a seven-days' itch to put Miss Dors in her place in relation to Miss Monroe.

For, to use the idiom of her adopted country, dear Di is playing way out of her league.

Miss Monroe is an international star who made the biggest headlines of her career up to that time when she walked out of a Hollywood contract; who is married to a playwright of distinction; who came here to co-star on a full partnership basis with Britain's most renowned actor-knight.

Miss Dors is our local girl making good in Hollywood mainly by the type of publicity Miss Monroe hopes she has outgrown; who is married to an ex-cinema commissionaire turned business man; who went there to play stooge to the American TV comic George Gobel, who is about the same physical size and professional stature as our Mr Norman Wisdom.

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LET-DOWN

WHICH brings me to the Marilyn Monroe story of the week.

This one concerns three young men—Sheik Jabir of Kuwait, Ian Bennet, son of the Earl of Tankerville, and Charles Macarthur Hardy, of debbery and male-model fame—who went to see the lady, or so they thought.

They had somehow got the impression that Miss Monroe had expressed a desire to meet them. The male animals, of course, is a vain, vague creature much addicted to wishful thinking. Theirs not to reason why. They rushed down to Pinewood in the sheik's limousine.

At the studio gates they were greeted by one of the P.R.O.s, taken on the V.I.P. tour which included a turn in the grounds (in the rain), and an inspection of the props department.

IN A FOG

THEY visited the set where Donald Sinden was murdering someone in a fog. Fumes from the fog-machine affected the sensitive throat of the sheik and he began coughing violently.

The three young men, two very dejected and one nearly choking, called it day. Said Mr Hardy philosophically later that evening: "I suppose if we'd stopped to think we'd have realised that Miss Monroe had probably never even heard of us. So I will just have to tell my grandchildren about the time I ate fish and chips with Diana Dors."

Mr Hardy, however, agrees with my assessment that it is not nearly the same thing.

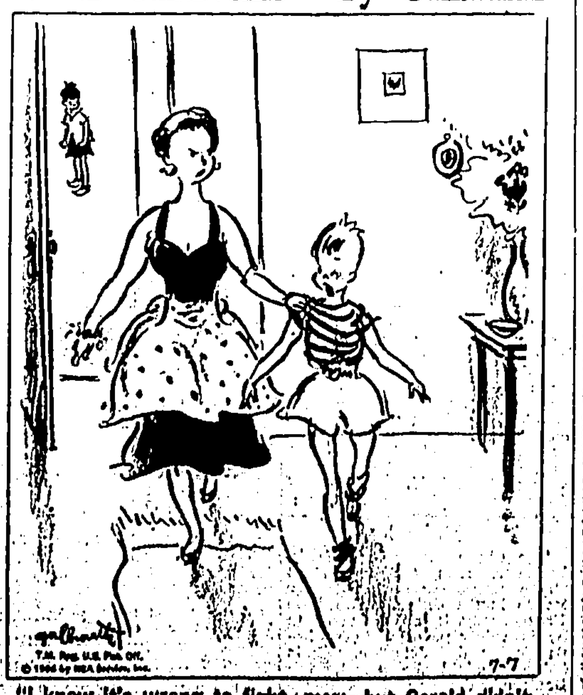
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HIS VERY OWN

MR WOODROW WYATT, I am now informed, is not having voice production lessons, Mr Wyatt, it seems, was deeply mortified at the very idea. He says that he was using those same cultured tones to talk to the workers when I was in pigtails.

And for that last misleading, but encouraging, statement I could yet learn to love the 38-year-old "Panorama" personality, with or without an Oxford accent.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I know it's wrong to fight, mom—but Gerald didn't know it and I had to prove it to him!"

PLEASING CHORAL CONCERT

The Cathedral Male Voice Choir was formed about one year ago. It consists mostly of servicemen stationed in the Colony. As its name implies, it is one of the activities of the Men's Group of the Cathedral. Unlike an orchestra, such a choir is frequently formed of people who have had little or no previous experience of making music and so usually needs a few years to mature.

Saturday night's concert at St Paul's Co-Educational College was therefore staged more as a parochial affair than as a performance by accomplished musicians. The standard of singing was, however, much higher than we would expect from a parochial affair.

Mrs Margaret Sainsbury, the musical director of this choir, is to be heartily congratulated on having achieved so much with these singers in such a relatively short time. Mrs Sainsbury was also the piano accompanist on Saturday.

The first part of the programme contained a wide variety of pieces dating in time from Thomas Arne to Benjamin Britten and including two Negro spirituals arranged by Mrs Sainsbury. The choir seemed to enjoy the modern works more than the classical ones and certainly sang these with greater understanding than the earlier works.

The eight tenors and eight basses were very well balanced and produced a nicely blended tone. There was a certain lack of precision on some entries but greater experience will soon cure this and maybe a conductor would be of assistance in this respect.

STAGE MANAGEMENT

It speaks well of the choir that the biggest criticism is not of them but of the stage management. During the first few items people were rushing around turning electric fans on and off. This was very distracting. The decision as to whether the fans should be on or off should have been made at rehearsal. My own feeling is that the increased comfort of a fan rotating slowly more than outweighs the inconvenience of the very slight noise it makes.

At the recent concert organised by the Music Society, flashlight photographs were rightly prohibited during the performance. On Saturday we were distracted by one photographer actually coming to the front of the auditorium and rummaging in his bag while he assembled his equipment during the performance and by the two photographers moving around letting off their infernal machines at irregular intervals. Why cannot all photographs be taken at a "photo-call" just before or after the concert?

PLEASING VOICE

The choir was supported in the opening number of the second half of the programme by some of the pupils of St Paul's Co-Educational College. This was, musically, one of the best items of the evening.

Next, the members of the choir formed several groups and soloists to give us excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan and "The Beggar's Opera". I must single out the "Wandering Minstrel" in the "Mikado" for special mention. The tenor who sang this not only has a most pleasing voice, but a good sense of stage-craft. I hope we will hear him again. I particularly liked the way the groups formed on set to give every member of the choir his chance either as a soloist or in a small group.

The concert ended with community singing by the audience and combined choirs and contained a fine selection of British and American folk songs. This, as usual, was enjoyed by everybody and brought the evening to a rousing conclusion.

During the concert, three violin solos were provided by Mr Raymond Hung.

The concert was well-attended and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by the audience. The proceeds of the concert are to form the first contribution into the St Paul's Co-Educational College Building Fund in this way the members of the choir's Cathedral are in their turn helping the school which has rendered considerable help for the Cathedral.
—R.A. BONES.

RADIO HONGKONG

H.K.T.
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